

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES - Any young person or adult wishing to be confirmed this year should contact The Revd Catharine Furlong 677227. It is hoped to join the Diocesan Confirmation Service in Ely Cathedral on 25th November.

CHURCH DIARY

Mon-Fri		Roof Repairs	LG Church
Tues	7.30pm	Joint PCC Meeting	The School
Wed	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thu	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Fri		Roof Alarm Annual Test	GG Church
Sat	10.30am	Bishop David's Roadshow	Little Paxton
Sun	9.30am	Harvest Festival	LG Church
	6pm	ALM Licensing Service	Gamlingay

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

THE PARISHES OF GREAT AND LITTLE GRANDSEN

17th September 2017

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 19
We welcome The Revd Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin,
as our preacher this morning.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Genesis 50.15-21 (*not announced*)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

<u>Sunday 24th September</u>			<u>Sunday 1st October</u>		
9.30 am	Family Communion CW	LG	8am	Holy Communion BCP	LG
	Harvest Festival		9.30am	Holy Communion CW	W
11 am	All Age Worship	A	10am	All Age Worship CW	GG
			6pm	Holy Communion CW	A

A = Abbotsley, GG = Great Gransden, LG = Little Gransden, W = Waresley
BCP = Book of Common Prayer, CW = Common Worship

CONTACTS

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PSALM 103.8-13



The Lord has compassion on his children.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and | of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his an | ger for ever.

The Lord has compassion on his children.

10 He has not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor rewarded us according | to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high a | bove the earth,
so great is his mercy upon | those who fear him.

The Lord has compassion on his children.

12 As far as the east is | from the west,
so far has he | set our sins from us.

13 As a father has compassion | on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards | those who fear him.

The Lord has compassion on his children.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12 (*not announced*)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

NOTICES

LITTLE GRANSDEN ROOF REPAIRS—work has now started on the next restoration project to replace the nave roof-the scaffolding is going up. We hope this will not affect the church being open each day and Sunday services are still to be held in the building, but please take care in the vicinity and report any suspicious activity in the area should you see any. It is hoped the work will have been completed by Christmas.

THE GRANSDENS CHURCH CHOIR—Do you or your children enjoy singing? We are a very friendly part of our church family, always ready to welcome new members. **Come along and join us at any Choir Practice, Wednesdays 6.30-7.15pm Great Gransden Church.** More information from Sheila George 677553 Authorized Lay Minister for Music.

BELLRINGING—Ringing is a great hobby and almost anyone can have a go. The Gransden Bellringers are a mixed age team coming from all parts of the community and would welcome new members. **Come along to the tower on a Thursday at 7.30pm** to see what it is about and visit our website or Facebook page-Great Gransden Bell Ringers. More information from David Prest 679053 or Sheila & Philip George 677553.

HARVEST FESTIVAL IN THE GRANSDENS—9.30am 24th September at LG. Donations please of tinned food, cereals, jams & marmalade, tea & coffee for work of the Salvation Army, Cambridge.

DEANERY AUTHORIZATION OF A.L.Ms 6pm 24th September at Gamlingay Church. All welcome to attend to support Janice Brown to be reauthorized in Pastoral Ministry and Angela Steele to be authorized for Youth Ministry. **Note time—not as advertised in Roundabout.**

COME & SING The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins—1st October GG Church. Rehearsal 4pm, Concert 7pm. Tickets on the door with proceeds to Help for Heroes. (see *Roundabout*).

SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE—9.30am 5th October GG Church. We shall be sharing with the Salvation Army from Cambridge. Tins of food & vegetables, cereals, tea & coffee would be welcomed as gifts towards their work.

EVENSONG & DINNER AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE - 6.15pm 29th October. All welcome to attend. Contact Colin Croot 650533 for further details and to book a place for dinner. There will be no evening service in the Parishes that evening.

We sing the *Agnus Dei*:

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Before the distribution, the priest says:

Priest: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

ALL are welcome at the altar to receive communion or God's blessing. The Choir may sing an **ANTHEM**. If time permits please join the Choir in singing the **COMMUNION HYMN**.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

SENDING OUT

The priest gives the **BLESSING**.

We sing the final hymn

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18: 21-35

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you , O Lord.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Priest: This is the gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please remain standing

Priest The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Priest In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Priest On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

Priest At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of
sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

Priest As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in
glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Priest With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our
voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel or sit

Priest As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**