

NOTICES

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.

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. 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.

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. **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 & Phillip George 677553.

CHURCH DIARY

Wed	6.30pm	Choir Practice	GG Church
Thu	7.30pm	Bellringing Practice	GG Church
Sun	4pm	Rehearsal Come & Sing	GG Church
	7pm	The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins	GG Church

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

Sunday 1st October

8 am	Holy Communion BCP	LG
9.30am	Holy Communion CW	W
10am	All Age Worship	GG
6pm	Holy Communion CW	A

Sunday 8th October

Group Service	A
10am Family Communion CW	

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

CONTACTS

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Great and Little Gransden Churches**

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THE PARISHES OF GREAT AND LITTLE GRANSDEN 24th September 2017 Harvest Festival

COLLECT

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8.7-18 (not announced)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

PSALM 65



You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.

8 You tend the earth and water it;
you make it rich and fertile.

You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.

9 The river of God is full of water;
so providing for the earth you provide grain for men.

You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.

10 You drench its furrows you level the ridges between;
you soften it with showers and bless the early growth.

You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.

11 You crown the year with your goodness;
and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.

You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.

12 The pastures of the wilderness run over;
and the hills are girded with joy.

You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.

13 The meadows are clothed with sheep;
and the valleys stand so thick with corn they shout for joy and sing.

You are to be praised O God: you that answer prayer.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9.6-15 (*not announced*)

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his

righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12.16-30

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told the people parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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