

In & around the Benefice....

21st January | Third Sunday of Epiphany

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Worship in our churches...

Today...

8:00am	Whiston	BCP Eucharist
9:00am	Grendon	Holy Communion
11:00am	Denton	Worship for All
4:00pm	Yardley Hastings	Evensong

Next week 28th January, Fourth Sunday of Epiphany...

9:00am	Castle Ashby	Holy Communion - we welcome Rev'd Canon Ann Slater
11:00am	Yardley Hastings	Holy Communion - we welcome Rev'd Canon Ann Slater
4:00pm	Grendon	Worship for All

Midweek Services this week....

Weds 9:30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
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There are several regular coffee mornings in the benefice each week:

Wednesdays 10am,
Grendon, see church noticeboard for venue

Thursdays 10.30-11.30am
URC Yardley Hastings

Fridays 10am-12pm,
St Margaret's, Denton



Dates for the Diary...

January

Weds 24th 7:30pm	Community Choir at St Mary's Grendon
Thurs 25th 10:30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee Morning
Fri 26th 3:30pm	After School Coffee and Cake at St Margaret's Denton
Tues 30th 7pm	Yardley Hastings PCC, St Andrews Meeting Room, YH
N.B 15 th – 26 th Jan – Reverend Paula on jury service	

February

Thurs 1 st 7:30m	Castle Ashby PCC, The Menagerie, Castle Ashby
Tues 6 th 7pm	Denton PCC, Old Quart Pot
Weds 7 th 11am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds 7th 7pm	Grendon PCC
Weds 7th 7:30pm	Community Choir, St Marys Grendon
Tues 13th 7pm	Shrove Tuesday Supper, Memorial Hall, YH
Weds 14th 6:30pm	Our Thursday Thing Youth Group, St Marys Grendon

Please hold the following people, places and events in your prayers this week...

- ◇ Pray for peace in the Holy Land and especially in Jerusalem
- ◇ Those who suffer violence because of their faith, especially the Coptic Christians and Christians in North Korea
- ◇ Those involved in Brexit negotiations and all decision making that affects the lives of others
- ◇ Those affected by acts of violence and terrorism
- ◇ Our Bishops Donald and John and the senior management team
- ◇ Those in residential care and the housebound, among them: Gwen Brimacombe, Audrey Desborough, Bob Taylor, Ruth Williams.
- ◇ Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: Kirsty, Delsie Greasley, Sally Hadland, Mollie Hurst, Jenny McNish, Gui, Mary-anne Miller, Adam Pell and Hayley Singlehurst-Mooney.
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Jess Lack and all who grieve at this time.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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.**

(or)

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 14:17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 19:6-10

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, "Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell

down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

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Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord***

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.