

In & around the Benefice....

28th January | Candlemas

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Worship in our churches...

Today...

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

Next week 4th February, Second Sunday before Lent...

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

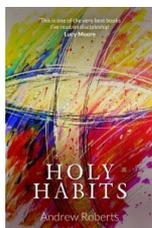
Fridays 10am-12pm,
St Margaret's, Denton



Lent Group

Every Saturday morning from 9.45am - 11.15am we will be holding a Lent Group, meeting at the URC church for bacon butties (veggie alternative available), following which there will be time to pray and study together. This year we will be using material from 'Holy Habits' by Andrew Roberts.

Please do come along for one or all of the sessions.



Dates for the Diary...

Tues 30th 7pm Yardley Hastings PCC, St Andrews Meeting Room, YH
Weds 31st 7:30pm Deanery Synod, St Andrews Wellingborough

February

Thurs 1st 6:30pm Our Thursday Thing Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri 2nd 2pm Collective worship with Grendon School, St Marys
Tue 6th 7:30pm Castle Ashby PCC, The Menagerie, Castle Ashby
Wed 7th 11am Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Wed 7th 7pm Grendon PCC
Wed 7th 7:30pm Community Choir, St Marys Grendon
Thurs 8th 8-9pm Benefice Hour of Prayer, Yardley Hastings
Sat 10th 9:30am Ministry Team Meeting, St Andrews Yardley Hastings
Tue 13th 7pm Shrove Tuesday Supper, Memorial Hall, YH
- Contact Fiona Rowntree for tickets!
Wed 14th 6:30pm Our Thursday Thing Youth Group, St Marys Grendon
Sat 17th 9:45am Lent Course: 'Holy Habits', URC Yardley Hastings
Tue 20th 7pm Denton PCC, Old Quart Pot
Wed 21st 7:30pm Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs 22nd 10:30am Castle Ashby Community Coffee Morning
Fri 23rd 3:30pm After School Coffee and Cake at St Margaret's Denton
Sat 24th 9:45am Lent Course: 'Holy Habits', URC Yardley Hastings

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

- ◇ Persecuted Christians around the world
- ◇ Those who suffer domestic violence
- ◇ 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: Delsie Greasley, Sally Hadland, Mollie Hurst, Jenny McNish, Gui, Mary-anne Miller, Adam Pell and Hayley Singlehurst-Mooney.
- ◇ The recently departed and all who grieve at this time.

Ash Wednesday

There will be two services of Holy Communion with Ashing in the benefice:
9.30am St Mary's, Grendon
7.30pm St Margaret's, Denton
Please do come along to one of these services to mark the beginning of this most holy of seasons



The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the
Temple, in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(or)

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God. **Amen.**

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**