

In & around the Benefice....

11th February | Sunday before Lent

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Worship in our churches...

Today...

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

Next week 18th February, First Sunday of Lent...

8:00am	Whiston	BCP Eucharist—we welcome Rev'd Martin Walker
9:00am	Grendon	Holy Communion—we welcome Rev'd Martin Walker
11:00am	Denton	Holy Communion—we welcome Rev'd Martin Walker
4:00pm	Yardley Hastings	Evening Prayer

Midweek Services this week....

Weds 9:30am	Grendon	Holy Communion with Ashing
Weds 7:30pm	Denton	Holy Communion with Ashing

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

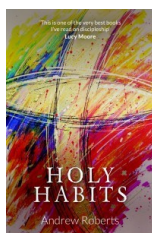
Fridays 10am-12pm,
St Margaret's, Denton



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 13th	7pm	Shrove Tuesday Supper, Memorial Hall, YH
Weds 14th	6:30pm	Our Thursday Thing Youth Group, St Marys Grendon
Sat 17th	9:45am	Lent Course: 'Holy Habits', URC Yardley Hastings
Tues 20th	7pm	Denton PCC, Old Quart Pot
Weds 21st	7:30pm	Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs 22 nd	10:30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee Morning
Fri 23 rd	3:30pm	After School Coffee and Cake at St Margaret's Denton
Sat 24th	9:45am	Lent Course: 'Holy Habits', URC Yardley Hastings

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Thurs 1st	6:40pm	Our Thursday Thing Youth Group, St Mary's
Weds 7th	11am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds 7th	7:30pm	Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Weds 14th	6:30pm	Our Thursday Thing Youth Group, St Marys Grendon
Fri 16th	3:30pm	Messy Church, URC YH
Weds 21st	7:30pm	Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs 29th	10:30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee Morning
Fri 30th	3:30pm	After School Coffee and Cake at St Margaret's Denton

Please hold the following in your prayers this week...

- ◇ Persecuted Christians around the world
- ◇ Those who suffer domestic violence
- ◇ Pray for our Rector Paula, the ministry team and churchwardens
- ◇ Those in residential care and the housebound, among them: Gwen Brimacombe, Audrey Desborough, 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 Hayley Singlehurst-Mooney and Bob Taylor
- ◇ The recently departed and all who grieve at this time.

Ash Wednesday—14th Feb

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 Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to
glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(or)

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of

Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change
and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**