

In & around the Benefice....

4th March | Third Sunday of Lent

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Worship in our churches...

Today...

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

Next week 11th March, Mothering Sunday...

9:00am	Yardley Hastings	Holy Communion
11:00am	Castle Ashby	Holy Communion
4:00pm	Denton	Worship for All

Midweek Services this week....

Weds 9:30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
Thurs 7:30pm	Yardley Hastings	Holy Communion and an hour of prayer

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



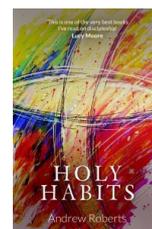
Please hold the following in your prayers this week...

- ◇ Those affected by the adverse weather conditions
- ◇ Those affected by the earthquake in Papua New Guinea
- ◇ Persecuted Christians around the world
- ◇ Those affected by war in Syria, especially Eastern Ghouta
- ◇ 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, Gui, Mary-anne Miller, Adam Pell, Hayley Singlehurst-Mooney and Mary Taylor.
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Shirley King, Bob Taylor and all who grieve at this time.

Lent Group

Every Saturday morning from 9.15am - 10:45am we will be holding a Lent Group, meeting at the URC church for bacon butties (veggie alternative available), following which there will 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...

March

Weds 7th	11am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds 7th	7:30pm	Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs 8th	12noon-2pm	Lent Lunch, Home of Deborah Rush, 26 Main Road, Grendon
Weds 14th	6:30pm	Our Thursday Thing Youth Group, St Marys Grendon
Thurs 15th	12noon-2pm	Lent Lunch, Home of Suzanne Goble, 16 Gees Farm Close, YH
Fri 16th	3:30pm	Messy Church, URC YH
Sun 18th	4pm	Evensong at Yardley Hastings
Weds 21st	7:30pm	Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs 22nd	12noon-2pm	Lent Lunch, Home of Carole Clarke, The Old Quart Pot, 21 Bedford Rd, Denton
Thurs 29th	10:30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee Morning
Fri 30th	10am	Exploring Good Friday— All age activities with refreshments served, Denton

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but
first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory
before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of
the cross, may find it none other than the way
of life and peace; 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)

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am
the Lord your God, who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you
shall have no other gods before me. You shall not
make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of
anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the
earth beneath, or that is in the water under the
earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship
them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,
punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the
third and the fourth generation of those who reject
me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth
generation of those who love me and keep my
commandments. You shall not make wrongful use
of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will
not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six
days you shall labour and do all your work. But the
seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God;
you shall not do any work—you, your son or your
daughter, your male or female slave, your
livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For
in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the
sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh
day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day
and consecrated it. Honour your father and your
mother, so that your days may be long in the land
that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not
murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall
not steal. You shall not bear false witness against
your neighbour. You shall not covet your
neighbour's house; you shall not covet your
neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or
donkey, or anything that belongs to your
neighbour.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to
those who are perishing, but to us who are being
saved it is the power of God. For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the
discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the
scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not
God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For
since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not
know God through wisdom, God decided, through
the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those
who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks
desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a
stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to
Gentiles, but to those who are called, both
Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and
the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser
than human wisdom, and God's weakness is
stronger than human strength.

This is the word of the Lord.

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Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus
went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found
people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the
money changers seated at their tables. Making a
whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the
temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also
poured out the coins of the money changers and
overturned their tables. He told those who were
selling the doves, “Take these things out of here!
Stop making my Father's house a
marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it
was written, “Zeal for your house will consume
me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can
you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered
them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will
raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has
been under construction for forty-six years, and
will you raise it up in three days?” But he was
speaking of the temple of his body. After he was
raised from the dead, his disciples remembered
that he had said this; and they believed the
scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the
temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the
only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**