

In & around the Benefice....

29th April | Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Ordination!

Amanda Oliver will be ordained at Peterborough Cathedral at 4pm on Sunday 24th June

Everyone is warmly encouraged to support Amanda by attending the service. Please let your churchwarden know if you would be interested in a lift on a minibus.

There will be a said Holy Communion at 9am, Castle Ashby on that Sunday, all other services are cancelled.

Worship in our churches...

Today...

11.00am Grendon Benefice Service - All Age HC
- we welcome the Rev'd Janet Tebby

Next week 6th May, Sixth Sunday of Easter ...

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

Weds 9.30am Grendon Holy Communion

Please hold in your prayers this week...

- ◇ Our Bishops Donald and John
- ◇ Our curate Amanda and her husband Darren and family as she prepares for ordination
- ◇ Bishop Donald's pilgrimage to the Holy Land: 26 April to 5 May
- ◇ Persecuted Christians around the world
- ◇ Those affected by war in Syria, especially Eastern Ghouta
- ◇ 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: Betty Eyre, Delsie Greasley, and Hayley Singlehurst-Mooney.
- ◇ The recently departed and all who grieve at this time.

pilgrim

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

Explore the Christian faith on a 6 week study course following the Pilgrim material on the Lord's Prayer

Saturdays, 9.15 - 11am, Grendon Church Room, starting 12th May

See separate flyer for more details and please book your place with Reverend Paula

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Dates for the Diary...

May			
Weds	2nd	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	2nd	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	2nd	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Sat	5th	9.30am	Ministry Team Meeting
Su/Mo	6th&7th	11am - 5pm	Totally Tulips Event, Yardley Hastings Memorial Hall
Weds	9th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	9th	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir, Church Room Grendon
Weds	9th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Sat	12th	9.15am	Pilgrim course on the Lord's Prayer - first session, Church Room Grendon
Sat	12th	7.00pm	Safari Supper, Grendon
Tues	15th	7.00pm	Denton PCC meeting
Weds	16th	7.45pm	Grendon PCC meeting
Weds	16th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	17th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	18th	10-12am	Christian Aid coffee morning and bring and buy sale, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Fri	18th	3.30pm	Messy Church, URC Yardley Hastings
Sat	19th	9.15am	Pilgrim course on the Lord's Prayer—second session, Church Room Grendon



The Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 8: 26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip,
'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes
down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness
road). So he got up and went. Now there was an
Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen
of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He
had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning
home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet
Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this
chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him
reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you
understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can
I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to
get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the
scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you,
does the prophet say this, about himself or about
someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting
with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news
about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they
came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is
water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He
commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip
and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip
baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the
Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw
him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip
found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through
the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns
until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 1 John 4: 7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from
God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows
God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for
God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this
way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we
might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved
God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the
atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved
us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one
has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in
us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,
because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen
and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the
Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess
that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So
we have known and believe the love that God has for us.
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them. Love has been perfected
among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day
of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this
world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out
fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever
fears has not reached perfection in love. We
love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love
God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for
those who do not love a brother or sister whom they
have seen, cannot love God whom they have not
seen. The commandment we have from him is this:
those who love God must love their brothers and
sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 15: 1-8

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

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He
removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every
branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more
fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I
have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just
as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides
in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am
the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me
and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me
you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is
thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches
are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you
abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for
whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father
is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and
become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the
life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now
and for ever. **Amen**