

# In & around the Benefice....

6th May | Sixth 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.

**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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## Worship in our churches...

### Today...

8.00am	Whiston	BCP Eucharist
9.00am	Denton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Grendon	All Age Holy Communion
4.00pm	Yardley Hastings	Worship For All

### Next week 13th May, Seventh Sunday of Easter ...

9.00am	Yardley Hastings	Holy Communion
11.00am	Castle Ashby	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Denton	Worship For All

### Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
Thurs 7.30pm	Yardley Hastings	Holy Communion followed by an hour of prayer at 8pm

## 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
- ◇ 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.

## Dates for the Diary...

Sun/Mon 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, <b>Church Room</b> 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	10.00am	Mabel's Plant Sale: plus teas, cakes and raffle, The Old Quart Pot Denton
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
Sat 19th	10-12am	Mabel's Plant Sale (follow up sale: plants only), The Old Quart Pot Denton
Tues 22nd	7.00pm	Yardley Hastings PCC meeting
Weds 23rd	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Weds 23rd	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs 24th	7.30pm	Castle Ashby PCC meeting



## The Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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)

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your  
disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## First Reading

*Acts 10: 44-48*

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon  
all who heard the word. The circumcised believers  
who had come with Peter were astounded that the  
gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on  
the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in  
tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can  
anyone withhold the water for baptizing these  
people who have received the Holy Spirit just as  
we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in  
the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to  
stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*1 John 5: 1-6*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the  
Christ has been born of God, and everyone who  
loves the parent loves the child. By this we know  
that we love the children of God, when we love  
God and obey his commandments. For the love of  
God is this, that we obey his commandments. And  
his commandments are not burdensome, for  
whatever is born of God conquers the world. And  
this is the victory that conquers the world, our  
faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one  
who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood,  
Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the  
water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that  
testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*John 15: 9-17*

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;  
abide in my love. If you keep my commandments,  
you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my  
Father's commandments and abide in his love. I  
have said these things to you so that my joy may be  
in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one  
another as I have loved you. No one has greater love  
than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You  
are my friends if you do what I command you. I do  
not call you servants any longer, because the  
servant does not know what the master is doing; but I  
have called you friends, because I have made known  
to you everything that I have heard from my  
Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I  
appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,  
so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him  
in my name. I am giving you these commands so that  
you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal  
life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for  
ever. **Amen**