

In & around the Benefice....

3rd June | First Sunday after Trinity

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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
- we welcome Bishop John of Brixworth for the rededication of the recently restored clock.		
4.00pm	Yardley Hastings	Worship For All

Next week 10th June, Second Sunday after Trinity ...

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
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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.

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 and Delsie Greasley.
- ◇ The recently departed and all who grieve at this time.



**Friday 15th June, 7.30pm,
St Mary's Grendon**

An evening of light entertainment!
Come and listen to songs performed by our community choir while enjoying a glass of wine in an informal atmosphere.



No charge but all donations gratefully received.

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Dates for the Diary...

Sun	3rd	12.00noon	Castle Ashby Church Fete and Dog Show, Italian Gardens, Castle Ashby
Tues	5th	7.35pm	Ministry team meeting
Weds	6th	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	6th	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	6th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Sat	9th	9.15am	Pilgrim course on the Lord's Prayer, fourth session, Church Room Grendon
Weds	13th	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	13th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	14th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	15th	3.30pm	Messy Church, URC Yardley Hastings
Fri	15th	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir concert with cheese and wine, Grendon
Sat	16th	9.15am	Pilgrim course on the Lord's Prayer, fifth session, Church Room Grendon
Tues	19th	7.35pm	Churchwardens meeting
Weds	20th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Sat	23rd	9.15am	Pilgrim course on the Lord's Prayer, final session, Church Room Grendon
Sun	24th	4.00pm	Amanda Oliver's Ordination, Peterborough Cathedral
Weds	27th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon

The Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal
nature we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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)

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

First Reading

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

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

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

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.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 2:23 - 3:6

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

One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against Jesus, how to destroy him.

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

Post Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen