

# In & around the Benefice....

24th June | Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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## Worship in our churches...

### Today...

9.00am	Castle Ashby	Said Holy Communion <i>-we welcome the Rev'd Janet Tebby</i>
4.00pm	Peterborough Cathedral	Ordination of Deacons <i>(including Amanda Oliver our curate)</i>

### Next week 1st July, Fifth Sunday after Trinity ...

8.00am	Whiston	BCP Holy Communion
9.00am	Denton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Grendon	All Age Holy Communion with Baptisms
4.00pm	Yardley Hastings	Thanksgiving Service

### Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
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### Weekly coffee mornings in the benefice:

**Wednesdays** 10am, Grendon,  
see church noticeboard for venue

**Thursdays** 10.30-11.30am

URC, Yardley Hastings

**Fridays** 10am-12noon,  
St Margaret's, Denton



## 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
- ◇ All caught up in the aftermath of the volcanic eruption in Guatemala
- ◇ The inquiry into the Grenfell Tower fire
- ◇ 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, Sally Hadland, Margaret Johnson, Daniel Rouffaud, Tony Smith
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Nigel Cobb and all who grieve at this time



## ORGAN CONCERT

Martin Setchell - International concert organist

at St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby

Saturday 14th July - 7.30pm

Tickets £10 - from Judith Cundell, 01604 696340

includes refreshments and a glass of wine

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## Dates for the Diary...

Weds	27th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	27th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	28th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby
Fri	29th	3.30pm	After school coffee and cake, St Margaret's Denton

### July

Weds	4th	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	4th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	5th	7.45pm	Grendon PCC meeting
Sat	7th	9.30am	Ministry Team meeting
Sun	8th	11am - 4pm	Open Gardens, Grendon
Tues	10th	7.00pm	Denton PCC meeting
Thurs	12th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Sat	14th	7.00pm	Quiz Night, St Margaret's Denton
Sat	14th	7.30pm	Organ Concert, St Mary Magdalene Castle Ashby
Sun	15th	6.00pm	St Margaret's Patronal Festival with Songs of Praise, Denton village green

## The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## First Reading

*1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49*

The Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armoured with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.'

And the Philistine said, 'Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together.' When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Now Saul, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left someone in charge of the sheep, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.'

Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.'

But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.'

David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.'

So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.'

But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 6: 1-13*

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 4: 35-41*

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

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.'

And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!'

Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them,

'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another,

'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Post Communion**

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**