

In & around the Benefice....

12th August | Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches...

Today...

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

Next week 19th August, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity ...

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| 8.00am | Whiston | BCP Holy Communion |
| 9.00am | Grendon | Holy Communion |
| 11.00am | Denton | All Age Holy Communion |
| 4.00pm | Yardley Hastings | BCP Evening Prayer |

Midweek Services

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| Weds 9.30am | Grendon | Holy Communion |
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Weekly coffee mornings:

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 Rural Dean Miranda and for all the churches in Wellingborough Deanery
- ◇ Our Curate Amanda and her family as they grieve their recently departed
- ◇ Those affected by the wildfires in Greece
- ◇ 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, Judith Keggins, Tracey Mulrainey, Daniel Rouffaud, Tony Smith, Gwen York, Vilma York and Michelle
- ◇ The recently departed, among them: Peter Lack, Keith Oliver, and all who grieve at this time



Come and try the organ

**Sunday 9th Sept, 2.30 - 4.00pm
at Castle Ashby Church**

Learn how this beautiful organ works,
listen to a demonstration and
have a go yourself!

All welcome, please contact
Richard Tapp on 01933 664896 or Rev'd Paula with
any questions and to let us know if you can come.

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Dates for the Diary...

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| Thurs | 23rd | 10.30am | Castle Ashby Community coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby |
| Sat | 25th | 1.00pm | Marriage of Lydia Gill and Rory Poulson at St Andrew's Yardley Hastings |
| Fri | 31st | 11am-1pm | After school coffee and cake - details TBA |

September

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| Sat | 1st | 2.00pm | Horticultural Show, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings |
| Weds | 5th | 11.00am | Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon |
| Weds | 5th | 7.45pm | Benefice Choir Practice resumes after summer break |
| Fri | 7th | 10am-noon | 'The Place To Meet' - cuppa and chat with fellow villagers, Grendon Village Hall |
| Sat | 8th | 2.00pm | Grendon Show, Grendon Village Hall |
| Sat | 8th | 7.00pm | Quiz Night, St Margaret's Denton |
| Sun | 9th | 2.30-4.00 | 'Come and try the organ', St Mary Magdalene Castle Ashby |
| Sun | 9th | 4.00pm | Picnic on the Green, St Margaret's Denton |

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

First Reading

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-3

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.'

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 6 : 35, 41-51

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

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**