

In & around the Benefice....

26th August | Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches...

Today...

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

Next week 2nd September, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity ...

8.00am	Whiston	BCP Holy Communion
9.00am	Denton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Grendon	All Age Holy Communion
4.00pm	Yardley Hastings	Songs of Praise

Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
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Please hold in your prayers this week...

- ♦ Our Bishops Donald and John
- ♦ Our Rural Dean Miranda and for all the churches in Wellingborough Deanery
- ♦ Those who are suffering due to natural disasters throughout the world
- ♦ 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, Tracey Mulrainey, Daniel Rouffaud, Tony Smith, and Michelle
- ♦ The recently departed, among them: Peter Lack, Keith Oliver, and all who grieve at this time

Confirmation for our Young People

We will be holding confirmation preparation for young people during September/October . Exact venue and timings will depend on demand

If you are interested please let Reverend Amanda know.



A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

'Turning to Christ' : We are delighted to announce that our next Pilgrim Group begins on **Sat 8th Sept. 9.15am - 10.45am** in the Church Room, Grendon

Open to **everyone** in the benefice. For adults who are not confirmed, it can be preparation for confirmation during November 2018

Please speak to Reverend Paula for further details

To add events to the benefice website, email yardleyhastingsbeneficewebsite@gmail.com

To add events to the benefice newsletter, email yhbeneficenewsletter@gmail.com

Associate Priest

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that, after approval from the Bishop and the five benefice PCCs, The Reverend Janet Tebby will be joining our Benefice as a self-supporting Associate Priest. Janet is a retired priest who lives in Wellingborough, she has a wealth of experience in rural ministry and many of you will have met her as she has covered services here. She will be licensed to her new role by one of the diocesan bishops in November - details to follow.

Reverend Paula

Dates for the Diary...

Thurs	30th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby
September			
Sat	1st	2.00pm	Horticultural Show, Yardley Hastings Memorial Hall. "Anniversaries" exhibition in church
Sun	2nd	2-5.30pm	"Anniversaries" exhibition, Pail Trail and cream teas, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Sun	2nd	4pm	The Pantaloons Open Air Theatre Company - "As You Like It" outdoors at Denton Village Hall
Mon-Sat	3rd-8th	2-4.30pm	"Anniversaries" exhibition with cream teas, 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
Fri	7th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon - Golden Ticket event (reunion for new Year 7)
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

The Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

1 Kings 8: 1,6,10-11, 22-30,41-43

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.

Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6: 10 - 20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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Gospel Reading

John 6: 56-69

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

Jesus said to the crowd:

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven:

let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**