

In & around the Benefice....

2nd September | Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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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

Worship in our churches...

Today...

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

Next week 9th September, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity ...

9.00am	Yardley Hastings	Holy Communion
11.00am	Castle Ashby	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Denton	Thanksgiving Service on the green

Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am Grendon Holy Communion

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

'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



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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...

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
Tues	4th	7.00pm	Denton PCC Meeting
Weds	5th	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	5th	7.45pm	Grendon PCC Meeting
Weds	5th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice resumes after summer break
Thurs	6th	7.00pm	Churchwardens Meeting
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
Sun	9th	4.00pm	Picnic on the Green, St Margaret's Denton

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us a new and living
way into your presence: give us pure hearts and
steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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)

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the
cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your
love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at
the windows, looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing
has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard
in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the
vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

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

Second Reading

James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift,
is from above, coming down from the Father of
lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow
due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he
gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would
become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone
be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for
your anger does not produce God's
righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all
sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and
welcome with meekness the implanted word that
has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers
who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of
the word and not doers, they are like those who look
at themselves in a mirror; for they look at
themselves and, on going away, immediately forget
what they were like.

But those who look into the perfect law, the law of
liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget
but doers who act—they will be blessed in their
doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their
tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is
worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before
God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and
widows in their distress, and to keep oneself
unstained by the world.

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who
had come from Jerusalem gathered around
him, they noticed that some of his disciples were
eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing
them.

(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat
unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus
observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not
eat anything from the market unless they wash
it; and there are also many other traditions that they
observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze
kettles.)

So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him,
'Why do your disciples not live according to the
tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?'
He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you
hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their
hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to
human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them,
'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is
nothing outside a person that by going in can defile,
but the things that come out are what defile.'

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil
intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery,
avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy,
slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from
within, and they defile a person.'

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

Post Communion

Lord God,
the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**