

In & around the Benefice....

9th September | Fifteenth 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...

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

Next week 16th September, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity ...

8.00am	Whiston	BCP Holy Communion
9.00am	Grendon	Holy Communion
11.00am	Denton	All Age Holy Communion
3.00pm	Whiston	Harvest Festival and produce auction
4.00pm	Yardley Hastings	BCP Evening Prayer

Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am Grendon Holy Communion

Please hold in your prayers this week...

- ◇ Our Rector Reverend Paula York and her family
- ◇ 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, Tom Stocks, Ruth Williams
- ◇ Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: Adrian Burley, Betty Eyre, Delsie Greasley, Tracey Mulrainey, Daniel Rouffaud, Tony Smith, Gwen York 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	9th	2.30-4.00	'Come and try the organ', St Mary Magdalene Castle Ashby
Sun	9th	2.30-4.30	Denton Flower and Produce Show, Village Hall, Denton
Sun	9th	4.00pm	Picnic on the Green, St Margaret's Denton. Desserts provided, cash bar available.
Tues	11th	7.00pm	Yardley Hastings PCC Meeting
Weds	12th	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir resumes after summer break, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	12th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	13th	7.30pm	Castle Ashby PCC Meeting
Fri	14th	7.30pm	Rugby dinner at Yardley Hastings Memorial Hall
Sat	15th	12.00noon	Marriage of Clair Brodie and Patrick Haythornthwaite at St Mary's Grendon
Thurs	20th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	21st	3.30pm	Messy Church, URC Yardley Hastings
Thurs	27th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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)

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Second Reading

James 2: 1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7: 24-37

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**