

In & around the Benefice....

16th September | Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

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

Next week 23rd September, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity ...

9.00am	Castle Ashby	Holy Communion
11.00am	Yardley Hastings	All Age Holy Communion
4.00pm	Grendon	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest tea

Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
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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
- ◇ Our politicians and government - may God's guidance and wisdom be with them
- ◇ 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 Mulraoney, Daniel Rouffaud, Tony Smith, Gwen York and Michelle
- ◇ The recently departed, among them: Peter Lack, 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.



Harvest Festival Services

- 16th September, 3pm : St Mary the Virgin, Whiston
- 23rd September, 4pm : St Mary's, Grendon
- 7 October, 4pm: St Andrew's, Yardley Hastings
- 14 October, 11am: St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby
- 14 October, 4pm: St Margaret's, Denton

We welcome donations of food or toiletry items at these services which will be divided between The Hope Centre and Daylight Centre. Cash collections will be donated to "Embrace the Middle East"



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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...

Weds	19th	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	19th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	20th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	21st	3.30pm	Messy Church, URC Yardley Hastings
Weds	26th	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	26th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	27th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby
Fri	28th	3.30pm	After School coffee and cake, St Margaret's Denton
Fri	28th	7.30pm	'Pointless' Quiz, Grendon Village Hall
Sat	29th	9.15am	Pilgrim Course, Church Room Grendon
Sun	30th	11.00am	Benefice Service - All Age Holy Communion at St Margaret's Denton, Everyone is welcome

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools
hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the
fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8: 27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**