

# *In & around the Benefice....*

*23rd September | Seventeenth 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	Harvest Festival followed by Harvest tea

### **Next week 30th September, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity ...**

11.00am	Denton	All Age Holy Communion Benefice Service
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### **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 Mulrainey, 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**

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	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

## **October**

Weds	3rd	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir, <b>Church Room</b> Grendon
Weds	3rd	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Weds	3rd	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	3rd	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are  
restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love  
into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us  
at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you  
face to face; 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)

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## First Reading

*Proverbs 31: 10-31*

A capable wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.  
The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.  
She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.  
She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.  
She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.  
She rises while it is still night  
and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.  
She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:  
'Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.'  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by  
your good life that your works are done with gentleness  
born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish  
ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to  
the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from  
above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where  
there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be  
disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom  
from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing  
to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of  
partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness  
is sown in peace for those who make peace.  
Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do  
they come from? Do they not come from your cravings  
that are at war within you? You want something and do  
not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet  
something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in  
disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you  
do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you  
ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your  
pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil,  
and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he  
will draw near to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 9: 30-37*

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

After leaving the mountain, Jesus and his disciples  
went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did  
not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his  
disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be  
betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and  
three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But  
they did not understand what he was saying and were  
afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in  
the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing  
about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way  
they had argued with one another about who was the  
greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to  
them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and  
servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it  
among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to  
them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name  
welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes  
not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**