

In & around the Benefice....

18th November | Second Sunday before Advent



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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

8.00am	Whiston	BCP Holy Communion
9.00am	Grendon	Holy Communion
11.00am	Denton	All Age Holy Communion
4.00pm	Yardley Hastings	BCP Evening Prayer

Next week 25th November, Christ The King ...

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

Midweek Services

Weds	9.30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
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Advent – a time of preparation

Advent is fast approaching!
 To help us to draw closer to God as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas, we will be hosting three bible study sessions entitled



'Candles in the Dark', on:

Saturday 1st December
 Saturday 8th December
 Saturday 15th December
 9.30am – 10.45am (at the very latest)
 in the meeting room at
 St Andrew's, Yardley Hastings.

Everyone from across the benefice is warmly invited to any or all of the sessions

Please hold in your prayers this week...

- ◇ Our Bishops Donald, John and Ed
- ◇ Our Tower Captains and bell ringers
- ◇ Our Youth Group: "Our Thursday Thing", and their leaders
- ◇ Our politicians and government - may God's guidance and wisdom be with them
- ◇ Those in residential care and the housebound, among them: Gwen Brimacombe, Audrey Desborough, Tom Stocks, Ruth Williams and Gwen York
- ◇ Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: Betty Eyre, Delsie Greasley, Daniel Rouffaud, Michelle, Nicholas Vaughan, Lynda Coyne, Ashleigh Loach, Guy Miller
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Tony Smith, and all who grieve at this time

Christmas Services

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2nd	Christingle	4pm	Yardley Hastings
9th	Christingle	3pm	Denton
9th	Christingle	5pm	Grendon
13th	Carols by candlelight	8pm	Whiston
15th	Blue Christmas	4pm	Yardley Hastings
16th	Crib Service	4pm	Yardley Hastings
19th	Carols by candlelight	7pm	Denton
21st	Carol Service	7pm	Grendon
21st	Carols around the Christmas tree	7pm	Yardley Hastings
24th	Crib Service	4pm	Grendon
24th	Carols by candlelight	5pm	URC
24th	Carol Service	6pm	Castle Ashby
24th	Midnight Mass	11.30pm	Yardley Hastings
25th	Holy Communion	9am	Whiston
25th	Holy Communion	9am	Denton
25th	Family Holy Communion	10am	Grendon
25th	Christmas Day Celebration	10am	URC
25th	Holy Communion	10am	Yardley Hastings
25th	Holy Communion	11am	Castle Ashby
30th	United Benefice Service	11am	URC

Dates for the Diary...

Weds	21st	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	21st	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	22nd	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee Morning, The Buttery Castle Ashby
Sat	24th	11am-4pm	Winter Craft and Food Fair, St Mary's Grendon
Sat	24th	11am-2pm	Christmas Fair, St Margaret's Denton
Sat	24th	7.30pm	Ceilidh with haggis supper, Memorial Hall Yardley Hastings
Weds	28th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon

December

Sat	1st	9.30am	Advent - A Time of Preparation, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
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The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of
eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious
kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Daniel 12: 1-3

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel:
'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

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

Second Reading

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 13: 1-8

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

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

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen