

In & around the Benefice....

25th November | Christ The King



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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	Worship For All

Next week 2nd December, 1st Sunday of Advent ...

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

Midweek Services

Weds	9.30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
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Please hold in your prayers this week...

- ◇ Our Bishops Donald, John and Ed
- ◇ Our Benefice Choir and Organists: Glyn, Richard, Sue and Darren
- ◇ Little Fishes and Denton after school club, the children, parents and helpers
- ◇ 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, Betty Eyre, Tom Stocks, Ruth Williams and Gwen York
- ◇ Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: , Delsie Greasley, Daniel Rouffaud, Michelle, Nicholas Vaughan, Ashleigh Loach, Guy Miller
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Tony Smith, and all who grieve at this time

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

Christmas Services

Dec

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	28th	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	28th	7.30pm	St Mary's Community Choir, Church Rooms Grendon
Weds	28th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings

December

Sat	1st	9.30am	Advent - A Time of Preparation, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Weds	5th	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs	6th	7.00pm	Churchwardens' Meeting
Fri	7th	10am-12	'The Place to Meet' - cuppa and chat with fellow villagers, Grendon Village Hall
Sat	8th	9.30am	Advent - A Time of Preparation, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Sat	8th	3.00pm	Marriage of Jo Mathers and Adam West at St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby
Tues	11th	12.00noon	Funeral Service for Mr Tony Smith RIP, St Mary's Grendon

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his
feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

(or)

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Amen

First Reading

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood
attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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

Second Reading

Revelation 1: 4b-8

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who
was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits
who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and
the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by
his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests
serving his God and Father, to him be glory and
dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will
wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord
God, who is and who was and who is to come,
the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 18: 33-37

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

Pilate asked Jesus,
'Are you the King of the Jews?'
Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or
did others tell you about me?'
Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own
nation and the chief priests have handed you over
to me. What have you done?'
Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world.
If my kingdom were from this world, my followers
would be fighting to keep me from being handed
over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not
from here.'
Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?'
Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this
I was born, and for this I came into the world, to
testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the
truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good
works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen