

In & around the Benefice....

3rd February | Candlemas

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

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

Next week 10th February, Fourth Sunday before Lent...

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

Midweek Services

Weds	9.30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
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2019 Lent Course: The Beatitudes

Our Lent course this year will be exploring the Beatitudes, using course in the Pilgrim series.

It will run every Saturday morning from **9th March until 13th April** (inclusive) at the United Reformed Church in Yardley Hastings.

Each session will begin at **9.15am** with breakfast and will finish no later than **10.45am**

Please do come along to one or all of the sessions, everyone is welcome!
For more details please speak to Paula, Amanda or Janet.

Please hold in your prayers this week...

- ◇ All our elected members of Parliament that they may serve the common good in all they do
- ◇ Those involved with severe weather provision for the homeless in our county
- ◇ All those in food poverty
- ◇ Those in residential care and the housebound, among them: Gwen Brimacombe, Audrey Desborough, Tom Stocks, Ruth Williams, Gwen York, Betty Eyre
- ◇ Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: Delsie Greasley, Daniel Rouffaud, Nicholas Vaughan
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Peter Coe, Patricia Hammond, and all who grieve at this time

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY VISIT TO THE BENEFICE



Exciting news!

The Archbishop of Canterbury will be visiting our Benefice at

10AM ON TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2019

Due to time constraints the visit will be hosted by one of our churches:
St Mary's Grendon.

More details on the visit will be available in due course but in the meantime
PLEASE put the date in your diaries.

Dates for the Diary...

Weds	6th	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	6th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Tues	12th	7.00pm	Denton PCC meeting
Weds	13th	7.45pm	Grendon PCC meeting
Fri	15th	3.30pm	Messy Church, URC Yardley Hastings
Sat	16th	7.00pm	Quiz Night, St Margaret's Denton
Tues	19th	7.00pm	Yardley Hastings PCC meeting
Weds	20th	7.30pm	Community Choir practice resumes, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs	21st	7.30pm	Castle Ashby PCC meeting
Thurs	28th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby
Thurs	28th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the
Temple, in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God. **Amen**

First Reading

Malachi 3: 1-5

Thus says the Lord God:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way
before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in
whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord
of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and
who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will
sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver,
until they present offerings to the Lord in
righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and
Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of
old and as in former years.
Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift
to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the
adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against
those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the
widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside
the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself
likewise shared the same things, so that through death
he might destroy the one who has the power of death,
that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were
held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he
did not come to help angels, but the descendants of
Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers
and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a
merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to
make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the
people. Because he himself was tested by what he
suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to
the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to
Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in
the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be
designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a
sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the
Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was
Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking
forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit
rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy
Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen
the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came
into the temple; and when the parents brought in the
child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the
law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God,
saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have
prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for
revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people
Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what
was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them
and said to his mother Mary,
'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of
many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so
that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a
sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of
Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age,
having lived with her husband for seven years after her
marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She
never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting
and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and
began to praise God and to speak about the child to all
who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law
of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of
Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with
wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen