

In & around the Benefice....

10th February | Fourth Sunday before Lent



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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

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

Next week 17th February, Third Sunday before Lent...

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

Midweek Services

Weds	9.30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
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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

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.

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...

Tues	12th	7.00pm	Denton PCC meeting
Weds	13th	7.45pm	Grendon PCC meeting
Weds	13th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
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

March

Tues	5th	7.00pm	Shrove Tuesday Supper, Memorial Hall Yardley Hastings
Sat	9th	9.15am	Lent Course starts, URC Yardley Hastings

The Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 6: 1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’ And he said, ‘Go and say to this people: “Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.” Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.’

Then I said, ‘How long, O Lord?’ And he said: ‘Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.’

The holy seed is its stump.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 5: 1-11

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

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**