

In & around the Benefice....

17th February | Third Sunday before Lent

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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 24th February, Second Sunday before Lent...

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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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...

- ◇ Our Rector Reverend Paula York and her family
- ◇ 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
- ◇ Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: Daniel Rouffaud, Nicholas Vaughan
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Betty Eyre, Delsie Greasley 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...

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

Fri	1st	10am-12	'The Meeting Place' - cuppa and chat with fellow villagers, Grendon Village Hall
Tues	5th	7.00pm	Shrove Tuesday Supper, Memorial Hall Yardley Hastings
Weds	6th	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Sat	9th	9.15am	Lent Course starts, URC Yardley Hastings
Thurs	14th	12-2pm	Lent Lunch at the home of Pat and Keith Maddocks, 5 Parsons Close Grendon
Thurs	14th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon

The Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order to the unruly
wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace so to love what you
command and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed where
true joys are to be found;
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)

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and
make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the
wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse— who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,
how can some of you say there is no resurrection
of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead,
then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has
not been raised, then our proclamation has been in
vain and your faith has been in vain.

We are even found to be misrepresenting God,
because we testified of God that he raised Christ—
whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are
not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then
Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been
raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your
sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have
perished. If for this life only we have hoped in
Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 6: 17-26

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

He came down with them and stood on a level
place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a
great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem,
and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to
hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and
those who were troubled with unclean spirits were
cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him,
for power came out from him and healed all of
them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the
kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will
be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when
they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on
account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and
leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in
heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the
prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received
your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will
mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is
what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may
eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen