

In & around the Benefice....

24th February | Second Sunday before Lent

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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 3rd March, Sunday before Lent...

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

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...

Weds	27th	7.30pm	Community Choir practice, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	27th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
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
Fri	15th	3.30pm	Messy Church, URC Yardley Hastings
Sat	16th	10am-12	Coffee morning in aid of St Andrew's at 31 Chase Park Road, Yardley Hastings

The Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8: 22-25

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

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**