

In & around the Benefice....

3rd March | Sunday before Lent



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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 March, First Sunday of 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 with ashing
Weds	7.30pm	Denton	Holy Communion with ashing

2019 Lent Course: The Beatitudes

START DATE POSTPONED TO 23RD MARCH

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

It will run every Saturday morning from **23rd March until 13th April** (inclusive) at the United Reformed Church in Yardley Hastings.

Beginning at **9.15am** with breakfast and finishing 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, Chris Sayles
- ◇ 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.

*****REMINDER *****..... All electoral roll forms need to be returned by **17th March 2019** so that the new roll can be displayed for the statutory 2 weeks before the APCM's. Thank you!

Dates for the Diary...

March

Tues	5th	7.00pm	Shrove Tuesday Supper, Memorial Hall Yardley Hastings
Weds	6th	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	6th	7.30pm	Community Choir practice, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	6th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir Practice, St Andrew's 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 The Willows, 56 Castle Ashby Rd, Yardley Hastings

The Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Exodus 34: 29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry,

we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 9: 28-43

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. Everyone was amazed at all that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen