

# *In & around the Benefice....*

*31st March | Mothering Sunday*

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## **Worship in our churches.....**

### **Today...**

10.00am **URC Yardley Hastings** Said Holy Communion  
11.00am **URC Yardley Hastings** Family Worship for Mothering Sunday

### **Next week 7th April, Fifth Sunday of Lent...**

8.00am Whiston BCP Holy Communion  
9.00am Denton Holy Communion followed by APCM  
11.00am Grendon All Age Holy Communion followed by APCM  
4.00pm **URC Yardley Hastings** Worship For All followed by APCM

### **Midweek Services**

Weds 9.30am Grendon Holy Communion

## **Please hold in your prayers this week...**

- ◇ Archbishop Justin Welby as he prepares to visit the diocese
- ◇ All our elected members of Parliament that they may serve the common good in all they do
- ◇ Those suffering from depression, the lonely and isolated.
- ◇ All those in food poverty
- ◇ Those in residential care and the housebound, among them: , Audrey Desborough, Tom Stocks, Ruth Williams, Gwen York
- ◇ Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: Daniel Rouffaud, Nicholas Vaughan, Chris Sayles, Gwen Brimacombe, Ann and Colin Dix
- ◇ The recently departed, among them David Scott and all who grieve at this time

## **St Andrew's Roof Update**

Work has at last commenced on the roof project at St Andrew's! Praise be to God!  
This means there are some changes to venue for some services over the coming months.  
Please do check the diary dates below, website and village noticeboards for up to date information.  
We are very grateful for the URC's generosity in allowing us to hold services there when needed.  
The works will continue for 5-6 months, please do be patient during this time with the inevitable upheaval.  
If you have any queries please contact Janet Taylor, Richard Tipping or myself.  
In the meantime please hold the community of St Andrew's and those working on the site in your prayers.  
**Reverend Paula**

## **Dates for the Diary...**

**April**

Weds	3rd	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	3rd	7.30pm	Community Choir and Benefice Choir practice, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs	4th	12-2.00pm	Lent lunch hosted by Lucy Williamson, 14 Chase Park Rd, Yardley Hastings
Fri	5th	10am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall
Sat	6th	9.15am	Lent Course, URC Yardley Hastings
<b>Tues</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Archbishop of Canterbury's visit, St Mary's Grendon</b>
Thurs	11th	12-2.00pm	Lent lunch hosted by Carole Clarke, The Old Quart Pot, 21 Bedford Rd, Denton
Thurs	11th	7.30pm	APCM, Castle Ashby @ The Compton Club

## The Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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)

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## First Reading

*Exodus 2: 1-10*

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months.

When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

## Second Reading

*Colossians 3: 12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 2: 33-35*

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

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**