

# In & around the Benefice....

7th April | Fifth Sunday of Lent

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## Worship in our churches.....

### Today...

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	<b>URC, Yardley Hastings</b>	Worship For All followed by APCM

### Next week 14th April, Palm Sunday...

11.00am	Castle Ashby	Holy Communion
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### Midweek Services

Weds	9.30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
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## Holy Week Services: April 15th - 21st

Mon	7pm	Stations of the Cross, <b>Whiston</b>
Tues	7pm	Stations of the Cross, <b>Grendon</b>
Weds	11am	Children's activities, <b>Grendon</b>
Weds	7pm	Stations of the Cross, <b>Denton</b>
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Holy Communion followed by vigil, <b>Castle Ashby</b>
Good Friday	10-11am	Children's activities, <b>Denton</b>
	2pm	The Nail - Meditations at the Foot of the Cross, <b>Grendon</b>
Easter Sunday	5.30am	Dawn Eucharist, <b>Grendon</b>
	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion, <b>Whiston</b>
	9.30am	Outside All Age Holy Communion, St Andrew's <b>Yardley Hastings</b>
	10.00am	All Age Holy Communion, <b>Denton</b>
	11.00am	All Age Holy Communion, <b>Castle Ashby</b>

## 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...

<b>Tues</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Archbishop of Canterbury's visit, St Mary's Grendon</b>
Weds	10th	7.30pm	Community Choir practice, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	10th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, URC Yardley Hastings
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
Sat	13th	9.15am	Lent Course, URC Yardley Hastings
Sat	13th	11am-2pm	Spring Fair, St Margaret's Denton
Weds	17th	11am-1pm	Messy Church, St Mary's Grendon - see website for details
Fri	19th	10.00am	Children's activities for Good Friday, St Margaret's Denton
Mon	22nd	10.00am	Easter Egg Hunt, St Margaret's Denton

## The Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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**

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Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## First Reading

*Isaiah 43: 16-21*

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Philippians 3: 4b-14*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*John 12: 1-8*

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen**