

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

*28th April | Second Sunday of Easter*

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## Worship in our churches.....

### Today...

9.00am	Holy Communion	Castle Ashby
10.30am	Holy Communion	Yardley Hastings, URC
4.00pm	Worship For All	Grendon

### Next week 5th May, Third Sunday of Easter.....

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Whiston
9.00am	Holy Communion	Denton
11.00am	All Age Holy Communion	Grendon
4.00pm	Worship For All	Yardley Hastings (in the Chancel at St Andrew's)

### Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am Holy Communion Grendon

### Weekly coffee mornings

in the benefice:

**Wednesdays** 10am  
Grendon (see church noticeboard for venue)

**Thursdays** 10.30-11.30am  
URC, Yardley Hastings

**Fridays** 10am-12noon,  
St Margaret's, Denton



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

- ◇ Archbishop Justin Welby
- ◇ 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, and all who grieve at this time



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## Dates for the Diary...

### May

Weds	1st	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	1st	7.30pm	Community Choir practice, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	1st	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, URC Yardley Hastings
Fri	3rd	10am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall
Sat	11th	10am-12	Yardley Hastings WI May Market, Memorial Hall Yardley Hastings
Sat	11th	7.00pm	Safari Supper, Grendon - tickets £10 from <a href="mailto:jasonross2@gmail.com">jasonross2@gmail.com</a>
Fri	17th	3.30pm	Messy Church, URC Yardley Hastings
Sun	19th	11am-5pm	Vehicle and Family Fun Day, Denton Village Hall and Recreation Ground
Tu/Wed	21/22	10am-12	Plant sale and coffee morning at The Old Quart Pot, Denton
Fri	24th	3.30pm	After school coffee & cake, St Margaret's Denton (Planting session)
Sat	25th	10am-12	Plant sale at The Old Quart Pot, Denton

## The Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

## First Reading

*Acts 5: 27-32*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Revelation 1: 4-8*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*John 20: 19-31*

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**