

In & around the Benefice....

12th May | Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

9.00am	Holy Communion	Yardley Hastings, in the Chancel at St Andrew's
11.00am	Holy Communion	Castle Ashby
4.00pm	Worship For All	Denton

Next week 19th May, Fifth Sunday of Easter.....

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Whiston
9.00am	Holy Communion	Grendon
11.00am	All Age Holy Communion	Denton
4.00pm	BCP Evening Prayer	Yardley Hastings, URC

Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am Holy Communion Grendon

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

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

CASTLE ASHBY



SUNDAY 2ND JUNE from 12 noon at the
CASTLE'S ITALIAN GARDENS

BBQs Stalls Teas Attractions Raffle
Admission: Adults £5, Concession £4,
Children under 12 free (Admission includes
entrance to the gardens and parking)

Dates for the Diary...

Weds	15th	7.30pm	Community Choir practice, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	15th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, URC Yardley Hastings
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
Sat	25th	2.00pm	Wedding, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs	30th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby

June

Sun 2nd 12 noon Castle Ashby Church Fete and Fun Dog Show in the Castle's Italian Gardens

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 9: 36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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Gospel Reading

John 10: 22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**