

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

*19th May | Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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## Worship in our churches.....

### Today...

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

### Next week 26th May, Sixth Sunday of Easter.....

9.00am	Holy Communion	Castle Ashby
10.30am	Joint service with URC followed by simple said Communion at approx 11.15am	Yardley Hastings,
4.00pm	Worship For All	Grendon

### Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am	Holy Communion	Grendon
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### 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

## 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...

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
Weds	22nd	7.30pm	Community Choir practice, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	22nd	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, URC Yardley Hastings
Thurs	23rd	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
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, Castle's Italian Gardens
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## The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## First Reading

*Acts 11: 1-18*

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Revelation 21: 1-6*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*John 13: 31-35*

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

During the supper when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**