

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

*2nd June | Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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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)

## Worship in our churches.....

### Today...

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, URC

### Next week 9th June, Pentecost.....

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

### Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am	Holy Communion	Grendon
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## 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

## **BISHOP'S MISSION WEEKEND 14/15/16TH JUNE 2019**

### Friday 14th

- 8.45 am Grendon Primary School
- 11.00 am Yardley Hastings
- 3.00 pm Denton Primary School and After School Club
- 7.30 pm Castle Ashby, Compton Club.

### Saturday 15th

- 10.30 am Coffee at the URC and visit to Oakfield TBC
- 12.00 pm Yardley Hastings Primary School Fair.
- 2.00 pm Denton Church Fete
- 7.30 pm Grendon Tudor Bistro Evening

### Sunday 16th

- 9.00 am Holy Communion BCP Whiston (with sermon and Hymns)
- 10.00 am Light Breakfast in the Barn Whiston followed by Blessing of the Seed & Soil, walk to Castle Ashby.
- 12.00 pm Lunch at Rural Shopping Yard Castle Ashby
- 2.00 pm Castle Ashby Cricket Match, Gardens and Prayer stations in St Mary Magdalene
- Early eve Compline/ Evening prayer. Venue TBC.

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

Sun	2nd	12 noon	Castle Ashby Church Fete and Fun Dog Show, Castle's Italian Gardens
Weds	5th	11am-12	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	5th	7.30pm	Community Choir practice, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	5th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, URC Yardley Hastings
Thurs	6th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	7th	10am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall
Sat	8th	10am-12	Coffee morning @ The Wilkinson's, 7 Little Street, Yardley Hastings - £2
Fri	14th	3.30pm	After school coffee & cake, St Margaret's Denton - make games for the fete
Sat	15th	2.00pm	Church fete on the green, St Margaret's Denton
Thurs	20th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	21st	3.30pm	Messy Church, URC Yardley Hastings

## The Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## First Reading

*Acts 16: 16-34*

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.'

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

## Second Reading

*Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21*

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!  
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*John 17: 20-26*

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**