

In & around the Benefice....

23rd June | First Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

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

Next week 30th June, Second Sunday after Trinity...

11.00am	United Benefice service	Whiston
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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, Ruth Williams, Gwen York
- ◇ Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: Ann and Colin Dix, Edith O'Loughlin, Daniel Rouffaud, Chris Sayles, Tom Stocks, Nicholas Vaughan
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Doris Bowers, Gwen Brimacombe, and all who grieve at this time

Thank You!!

To all those who donated to the work of Christian Aid at the Worship for All services in May, we raised £60.00 in total which has gone towards ensuring safer healthcare for expectant mothers in Sierra Leone



Yardley Hastings Open Gardens

Sunday 30th June
11.00am - 5.30pm

**BRUNCH, LUNCH AND TEAS
PLANT SALES**

Admission by Programme only
Yardley Hastings Memorial Hall
Northampton Road NN7 1EX

Entry £6 Adults
Concessions £5
Accompanied U16s Free

**14 Open Gardens
In aid of St. Andrew's Church**

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Dates for the Diary...

Weds	26th	7.30pm	Community Choir practice, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	26th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, URC Yardley Hastings
Thurs	27th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby
Sat	29th	7.00pm	Quiz night, St Margaret's Denton
Sat	29th	7.30pm	Barn dance, Grendon Village Hall
Sun	30th	11-5.30pm	Open Gardens Day, Yardley Hastings- programmes from The Memorial Hall

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Weds	3rd	11am-12	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs	4th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	5th	10am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall
Sat	6th	7.30pm	Organ concert, St Mary Magdalene Castle Ashby

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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**
(or)

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

First Reading

1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.'

He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 3: 23-29

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8: 26-39

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**