

In & around the Benefice....

21st July | Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

11.00am Benefice Holy Communion Denton
- Reverend Amanda to preside
Followed by a picnic on the Green

Next week 28th July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity...

9.00am Holy Communion Castle Ashby
11.00am All Age Holy Communion Yardley Hastings
4.00pm No service

No Midweek Services this week

4pm Worship for All and Evening Prayer

Please note that there will be no 4pm services in the benefice until the end of the school summer holidays.

The next 4pm service will be Songs of Praise in St Andrew's on Sunday 8th September

After this date the service pattern will return to normal.

From Amanda, Darren, Megan and Helena:

A huge thank you to everyone who made it to Peterborough Cathedral for Amanda's ordination-priesting. It was a spectacular day made all the more special by being surrounded by so many friends from the Benefice, thank you.

Please hold in your prayers this week...

- ◇ Persecuted Christians across the world, especially in North Korea
- ◇ The schools within the Benefice who break up for the long summer holidays this week. May they find the long summer days restful and enjoyable, and we pray especially for those families within our communities who will find the school holiday challenging and isolating.
- ◇ All those who serve on our PCCs
- ◇ The victims of, and all those affected by, knife crime
- ◇ 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, Kate Moravesky
- ◇ The recently departed and all who grieve at this time

Ordination Gift for Reverend Amanda

If you would like to contribute to the Benefice Gift for Amanda to mark her ordination as Priest, please let Paula or one of the churchwardens have your donation.

If you would like to know what we are buying for her, please ask a churchwarden or Paula.

Dates for the Diary...

Weds	24th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, URC Yardley Hastings
Thurs	25th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby
Fri	26th	11.00am	After school club, St Margaret's Denton - Family Picnic on the green

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Fri	2nd	10am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall
Thurs	29th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Genesis 18: 1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 1: 15-28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10: 38-42

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

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**