

In & around the Benefice....

28th July | Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

9.00am Holy Communion Castle Ashby
11.00am All Age Holy Communion Yardley Hastings

Next week 4th August, Seventh Sunday after Trinity...

8.00am BCP Holy Communion Whiston
9.00am Holy Communion Denton
11.00am All Age Holy Communion Grendon

Midweek Services

Weds 9.30am Holy Communion Grendon

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. Following the ordination in Peterborough we celebrated Holy Communion together as a Benefice last Sunday, and I wish to thank everyone who came to that service, who stayed for the prosecco and picnic afterwards and those to kindly contributed to my very special gift. **Thank you**

Please hold in your prayers this week...

- ◇ We pray for our new Prime Minister. That they may find wise counsel and keep a clear vision of a world where we all strive to protect and care for those who are vulnerable, lost, in pain or alone. May they seek the common good in all their endeavours.
- ◇ Persecuted Christians across the world, especially in North Korea
- ◇ All the families within the Benefice who are ready for the long summer break. We pray for safe travels and restful enjoyable time to be shared. We pray especially for those who find this time of year difficult 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

Dates for the Diary...

Wednesdays: Benefice Choir practice takes a break over the summer and will resume in September

August

Fri 2nd 9.30am Coffee morning at Denton Church with Health visitor Clinic.
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

September

Tues 3rd 11am -1pm Messy Church, St Mary's Grendon - includes lunch, £2 per person

The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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)

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Hosea 1: 2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.'

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.'

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.' Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 2: 6-15

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 11: 1-13

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen