

In & around the Benefice....

4th August | Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

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

Next week 11th August, Eighth Sunday after Trinity...

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

Midweek Services

Weds	9.30am	Holy Communion	Grendon
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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 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, Esme Handley, Charlotte & Chris Cheshire.
- ◇ The recently departed and all those who grieve, amongst them Eric Drage.

Dates for the Diary...

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

August

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

Thurs 5th 6.30-8pm Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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)

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Hosea 11: 1-11

Hear the word of the Lord, O people. When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 3: 1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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Gospel Reading

Luke 12: 13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**