

In & around the Benefice....

11th August | Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

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

Next week 18th August, Ninth Sunday after Trinity...

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

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

Thurs 5th 7.00pm Denton PCC Meeting

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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)

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 1: 1; 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12: 32-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples,

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**