

# *In & around the Benefice....*

*25th August | Tenth 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 1st September, Eleventh 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
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### Morning Prayer

Starting on Tuesday 3rd September, morning prayer will be said at 9.30am on every Tuesday at St Mary's Grendon and every Friday at St Margaret's Denton

Please join us for this 20 minute service, an opportunity to hear God's Word and pray together as we start the day

### 4pm Worship for All and Evening Prayer

There will be no 4pm services in the benefice during the school summer holiday

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

## Celebrate with Liz!

After two years training, Liz Taylor will be licensed at Peterborough Cathedral as a lay minister in our benefice on **Saturday 28th September 2019** (time tbc)

Please put the date in your diary and come along to the service to show your support

We will formally welcome her at the Benefice Service at **10 am on 29 September 2019** at Yardley Hastings

## Please hold in your prayers this week...

- ◇ We pray for our government; 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 work in difficult and demanding circumstances in the Retail Sector
- ◇ All those who work in our emergency services and especially the family and work colleagues of PC Andrew Harper who are mourning the death of a husband, son and fellow officer.
- ◇ 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 and Chris Cheshire, Jonathan Pearson, Diane Claber
- ◇ The recently departed and all who grieve at this time

## Dates for the Diary... Benefice Choir practice takes a break over the summer and will resume in September

Thurs	29th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby
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### 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
Fri	6th	9.30am	Coffee morning at Denton Church with Health visitor Clinic.
Fri	6th	10am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall
Sa/Su	7/8th	2-5.30pm	Village Weekend, Yardley Hastings - see parish news or website for details
Sun	8th	2.00pm	Denton Garden Club Show, Denton Village Hall

### The Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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)

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### First Reading

*Jeremiah 1: 4-10*

The word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 12: 18- 29*

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'

This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 13: 10-17*

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

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Harvest Festivals

15th Sept	11.00am	Denton
22nd Sept	11.00am	Yardley Hastings
22nd Sept	3.00pm	Whiston - <i>with Bishop Ed Condry</i>
6th Oct	11.00am	Grendon
13th Oct	11.00am	Castle Ashby