

In & around the Benefice....

1st September | Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Whiston - <i>Rev Janet</i>
9.00am	Holy Communion	Denton - <i>Rev Janet</i>
11.00am	All Age Holy Communion	Grendon - <i>Rev Amanda</i>

Next week 8th September, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity...

9.00am	Holy Communion	Yardley Hastings - <i>Rev Paula</i>
11.00am	Holy Communion	Castle Ashby - <i>Rev Paula</i>
4.00pm	Worship For All	Denton - <i>Ministry Team</i>
4.00pm	Songs of Praise	Yardley Hastings- <i>Rev Paula</i>

Midweek Services

Tues	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Grendon
Weds	9.30am	Holy Communion	Grendon
Fri	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Denton

Celebrate with Liz!

After two years training, Liz Taylor will be licensed at Peterborough Cathedral as a lay minister in our benefice on **Sat 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

*From Tues 3rd Sept, morning prayer will be said at 9.30am on Tuesdays at Grendon and Fridays at Denton
 Please join us for this 20 minute service, an opportunity to hear God's Word and pray together as we start the day*

Please hold in your prayers this week...

- ◇ Our government; may they find wise counsel and keep a clear vision of a world where we 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 preparing for the start of a new school year.
- ◇ 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...

Tues	3rd	11am -1pm	Messy Church, St Mary's Grendon - craft, story, music and lunch, £2 per person. Book your place by email to grendonchurchwardens@gmail.com
Weds	4th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice resumes, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
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
Sat	7th	2-5.30pm	Y.H. Horticultural Show @ the Memorial Hall. Wellingborough Band, teas & stalls plus Church Exhibition and flowers at St Andrew's
Sun	8th	2-5.30pm	Y.H. Pail Trail, Church Exhibition and Cream Teas
Sun	8th	2.00pm	Denton Garden Club Show, Denton Village Hall
Mon 9th-Sat 14th		2-4.30pm	Church Exhibition and Cream Teas daily at St Andrew's, Yardley Hastings
Sat	14th	2.00pm	Grendon Garden Show, Grendon Village Hall

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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)

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

First Reading

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?'

Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Harvest Festivals

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