

In & around the Benefice....

8th September | Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

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>

Next week 15th September, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity...

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Whiston - <i>Rev Paula</i>
9.00am	Holy Communion	Grendon- <i>Rev Paula</i>
11.00am	Harvest Festival	Denton- <i>Rev Amanda</i>
4.00pm	Evening Prayer	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

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...

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
Tues	10th	7.30pm	Castle Ashby PCC meeting
Weds	11th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	12th	7.00pm	Grendon PCC meeting
Sat	14th	2.00pm	Grendon Garden Show, Grendon Village Hall
Thurs	19th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs	19th	7.30pm	Churchwardens Meeting
Fri	20th	3.30pm	Messy Church at URC, Yardley Hastings
Sat	21st	12.30pm	BBQ at St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby. Book at rejakeman@btinternet.com
Sat	21st	7.00pm	Safari supper, Yardley Hastings. Book at janbridge@wecomunic8.com
Sat	21st	7.30pm	Race Night, Grendon Village Hall. Book at paulinehiggs9@gmail.com

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14: 25-33

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

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of 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