

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

*22nd September | Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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## Worship in our churches.....

### Today...

9.00am	Holy Communion	Castle Ashby
11.00am	All Age Holy Communion - <i>Harvest Festival</i>	Yardley Hastings
3.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving - <i>with Bishop Ed</i>	Whiston
4.00pm	Worship For All - Pet Service	Grendon

### Next week 29th September, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity...

10.00am	United Benefice Service	Yardley Hastings
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### 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 at **2.30pm on Sat 28th Sept 2019**. Please 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

### Harvest Festivals

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

## 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
- ◇ The young people of our Benefice who are moving to begin university courses.
- ◇ Those affected by the devastation in the Bahamas
- ◇ 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, Chris Sayles, Tom Stocks, Nicholas Vaughan, Kate Moravesky, Esme Handley, Jonathan Pearson, Diane Claber, Vilma York
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Nigel Brown, Margaret Taylor, and all who grieve at this time

## Dates for the Diary...

Weds 25th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs 26th	10.30am	Community Coffee Morning at The Buttery, Castle Ashby
Fri 27th	9am-12.00	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Yardley Hastings Memorial Hall - Bring and buy, stalls, raffle
Fri 27th	3.30pm	After School Club, St Margaret's Denton
Sat 28th	2.30pm	Liz Taylor's Licensing at Peterborough Cathedral
Sun 29th	5-7pm	St Margaret's Harvest Supper, Denton Village Hall
Mon 30th	7.00pm	St Andrew's Harvest Supper, Yardley Hastings Memorial Hall

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Weds 2nd	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs 3rd	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri 4th	9.30am	Coffee morning at Denton Church with Health visitor Clinic.
Fri 4th	10am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall
Sat 5th	7.00pm	Quiz Night, St Margaret's Denton

## The Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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)

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 8: 18 - 9: 1*

The word of the Lord through the prophet:

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.  
Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

'Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?'  
(‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?’)

‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.’

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*1st letter of Paul to Timothy, 2: 1-7*

My dearly beloved,  
I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 16: 1-13*

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

Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer  
and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**