

In & around the Benefice....

6th October | Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Worship in our churches.....

Today...

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Whiston
9.00am	Holy Communion	Denton
11.00am	All Age Holy Communion - Harvest Festival	Grendon
4.00pm	Worship For All	Yardley Hastings

Next week 13th October, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity...

9.00am	Holy Communion	Yardley Hastings
11.00am	Holy Communion - Harvest Festival	Castle Ashby
4.00pm	Worship For All	Denton

Midweek Services

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

Weekly coffee mornings

in the benefice:

Wednesdays 10am, Grendon,
see church noticeboard for venue

Thursdays 10.30-11.30am

URC, Yardley Hastings

Fridays 10am-12noon,
St Margaret's, Denton



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	9th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	17th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	18th	3.30pm	Messy Church at URC, Yardley Hastings
Sat	19th	10am-12	Coffee morning at The Routhorns, Church Farm Barn, High Street, Yardley £2
Sat	19th	11am-2pm	Autumn Fair, St Margaret's Denton
Thurs	31st	10.30am	Community Coffee Morning at The Buttery, Castle Ashby
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Fri	1st	9.30am	Coffee morning at Denton Church with Health visitor Clinic.
Fri	1st	10.00am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall
Sat	2nd	10am-12	Coffee morning in aid of St Andrew's, Yardley Arts, Old School Hall, The Square
Sat	2nd	11am-4pm	Michaelmas Fayre, St Mary's Grendon
Sat	2nd	5.00pm	After School Club, St Margaret's Denton - 'Light Party' inc. games and food

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading

Lamentations 1: 1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2nd letter of Paul to Timothy 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17: 5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**