

# In & around the Benefice....

20th October | Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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## pilgrim

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

Want to learn more about the Bible?

We are running another 6 week Pilgrim discipleship course on **Saturdays, 9.15 - 10.45am, Grendon Church Room, starting 12th October until 16th November**. The sessions will be repeated in **Yardley on Wednesdays 2.30pm - 3.45pm, starting 16th October until 20th November**. We are hoping to hold the Wednesday sessions in someone's home - if you might be willing to host please let Paula know. If you would like to consider confirmation, the course could be appropriate preparation, please speak to Paula for further information. Please do come along to as many sessions as you are able!

### Worship in our churches.....

#### Today...

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Whiston
9.00am	Holy Communion	Grendon
11.00am	All Age Holy Communion	Denton
4.00pm	Worship For All - <i>Service of Thanksgiving for the roof</i>	Yardley Hastings

#### Next week 27th October, Last Sunday after Trinity...

9.00am	Holy Communion	Castle Ashby
11.00am	All Age Holy Communion	Yardley Hastings
4.00pm	Worship For All	Grendon

#### Midweek Services

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



#### All Souls Service

On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4pm**

In St Andrew's, Yardley Hastings we will be holding an All Souls Service for the Benefice.

This special service gives us an opportunity to remember those we love who have died.

During the service we will read out the names of those who have died.

If there is someone you would like included on this list please let Paula know, preferably by email or in writing.

Everyone is welcome, please do spread the word.

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

- ◇ Our government and MP's, that they may have clear minds and always seek the common good
- ◇ The natural world, that God's love for all he has made might be reflected in our care for the planet.
- ◇ Persecuted Christians across the world, especially in North Korea
- ◇ 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, Freddie Hogan, Diane Claber, Vilma York, Mandy Bates
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Margaret Taylor, and all who grieve at this time

#### **Dates for the Diary...**

Weds	23rd	2.30pm	Pilgrim bible study course: Second session, 1A Little Street, Yardley Hastings
Weds	23rd	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Sat	26th	9.15am	Pilgrim bible study course: Third session, Grendon Church Room
Weds	30th	2.30pm	Pilgrim bible study course: Third session, 1A Little Street, Yardley Hastings
Thurs	31st	10.30am	Community Coffee Morning at The Buttery, Castle Ashby

#### **Nov**

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', games and food, £2 each

## The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith that,  
forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that  
which is before, we may run the way of your  
commandments and win the crown of everlasting  
joy; 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, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your  
love, that we may live each day with confidence in  
the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**Amen**

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 31: 27-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I  
will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah  
with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.  
And just as I have watched over them to pluck up  
and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring  
evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,  
says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer  
say:

‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the  
children’s teeth are set on edge.’

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of  
everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on  
edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I  
will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah. It will not be like the  
covenant that I made with their ancestors when I  
took them by the hand to bring them out of the land  
of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was  
their husband, says the Lord. But this is the  
covenant that I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on  
their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall  
be my people. No longer shall they teach one  
another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for  
they shall all know me, from the least of them to the  
greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their  
iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*2nd letter of Paul to Timothy 3:14 - 4:5*

Continue in what you have learned and firmly  
believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and  
how from childhood you have known the sacred  
writings that are able to instruct you for salvation  
through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired  
by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for  
correction, and for training in righteousness, so that  
everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,  
equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is  
to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his  
appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you:  
proclaim the message; be persistent whether the  
time is favourable or unfavourable; convince,  
rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in  
teaching. For the time is coming when people will  
not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching  
ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers  
to suit their own desires, and will turn away from  
listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As  
for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the  
work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 18: 1-8*

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need  
to pray always and not to lose heart.

He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who  
neither feared God nor had respect for people. In  
that city there was a widow who kept coming to him  
and saying, “Grant me justice against my  
opponent.” For a while he refused; but later he  
said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and  
no respect for anyone, yet because this widow  
keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that  
she may not wear me out by continually coming.”’  
And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge  
says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen  
ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay  
long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant  
justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man  
comes, will he find faith on earth?’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred  
feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of  
your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled  
with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is  
given, when we shall feast at that table where you  
reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**