

In & around the Benefice....

17th November | Second Sunday before Advent

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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	BCP Evening Prayer	Yardley Hastings

Next week 24th November, Christ the King...

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

Midweek Services

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

Does the sound of church bells appeal to you? Ever wondered how it's done? Come along to **St Mary's, Grendon** on any **Tuesday** evening from **7.30pm** and the mystery will be revealed! New ringers are always welcome and encouraged. No experience necessary as full training will be given. Friendly fun for all the family (children from about 10+ years) Any questions, contact Martin Howell on 01933 664038

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, Esme Handley, Jonathan Pearson, Freddie Hogan, Diane Claber, Vilma York, Mandy Bates, Lilian Parry
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Terry Adams, Linda Baxter, Kate Moravesky, Mary Bolwell, Martin Pendered and all who grieve at this time

Dates for the Diary...

Weds	20th	2.30pm	Pilgrim bible study course: Last session, 1A Little Street, Yardley Hastings
Weds	20th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	21st	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs	28th	10.30am	Community Coffee Morning at The Buttery, Castle Ashby
Sat	30th	7.30pm	Medieval Banquet, Memorial Hall, Yardley Hastings. See website for details.

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Weds	4th	11.00am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Thurs	5th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	6th	9.30am	Coffee morning at Denton Church with Health visitor clinic and Little Fishes.
Fri	6th	10.00am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall
Thurs	12th	8.00pm	Carol Service at Whiston
Fri	13th	6.30pm	Carols at the bus stop, Castle Ashby
Tues	17th	6.00pm	Carol singing around Denton, meet at the church

The Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(or)

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Malachi 4: 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.

This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command:

Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21: 5-19

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen