

In & around the Benefice....

5th January | Epiphany

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Worship in our churches

Today.....

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

Next Week 12th January, The Baptism of Christ

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

Midweek Services

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...

- ◇ The newly elected members of parliament as they take up their duties.
- ◇ Those caught up in the bush fires in Australia, the fire fighters, residents and those who are concerned about relatives affected.
- ◇ 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 Stock, Nicholas Vaughan, Freddie Hogan, Diane Claber, Mandy Bates, Alison Comery, Kate Billson
- ◇ The recently departed, among them Jonathan Pearson, Arthur Smith, Esme Handley and all who grieve at this time

Dates for the Diary...

Weds	8th	11.00am-12	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	8th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Weds	15th	1.00pm	Funeral at St Andrew's, Yardley Hastings - Mr Arthur Smith RIP
Thurs	16th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Sat	18th	10.00am-12	Coffee morning in aid of St Andrew's, at Haybarn, High St, Yardley Hastings
Sat	25th	7.00pm	Quiz Night, St Margaret's Denton. Teams of 4, £2 per person
Weds*	29th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby *Please note change of day to last Wednesday from January onwards*
Thurs	30th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon

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Thurs	6th	7.00pm	Denton PCC Meeting
Fri	7th	9.30am	Little Fishes and Health Visitor clinic at St Margaret's, Denton
Fri	7th	10.00am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall

The Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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)

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12

I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,

and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**