

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

*12th January | The Baptism of Christ*

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## Worship in our churches ....

### Today.....

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

### Next Week 19th January, Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

### 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, Eileen Lack, Jason Moore, Sarah Carins and all who grieve at this time

## Dates for the Diary...

Weds	15th	1.15pm	Funeral at St Andrew's, Yardley Hastings - Mr Arthur Smith RIP
Weds	15th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	16th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	17th	1.00pm	Funeral at St Margaret's, Denton - Sarah Carins RIP
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
<b>*Please note change of day to last Wednesday from January onwards*</b>			
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

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be  
your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the  
Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your  
adopted children; 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)

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord and know  
ourselves to be your beloved children; through  
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**

## First Reading

*Isaiah 42: 1-9*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in  
whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon  
him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard  
in the street; a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow  
faint or be crushed until he has established justice  
in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his  
teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens  
and stretched them out, who spread out the earth  
and what comes from it, who gives breath to the  
people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are  
blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am  
the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no  
other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former  
things have come to pass, and new things I now  
declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Acts 10: 34-43*

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the  
house of Cornelius.  
'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but  
in every nation anyone who fears him and does  
what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of  
Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord  
of all. That message spread throughout Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John  
announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went  
about doing good and healing all who were  
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.  
We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea  
and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging  
him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day  
and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but  
to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the  
dead. He commanded us to preach to the people  
and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as  
judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets  
testify about him that everyone who believes in him  
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 3: 13-17*

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to  
be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to  
be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'  
But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is  
proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.'  
Then he consented. And when Jesus had been  
baptized, just as he came up from the water,  
suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he  
saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and  
alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said,  
'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well  
pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the  
heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly  
work of our rebirth through the waters of the new  
creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**