

In & around the Benefice....

19th January | The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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Worship in our churches

Today.....

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

Next Week 26th January, Third Sunday of Epiphany

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion | Castle Ashby |
| 11.00am | All Age Holy Communion | Yardley Hastings |
| 4.00pm | Worship For All | Grendon |
| | - with 'The Fleece's' worship band | |

Midweek Services

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

Would you like to experience a different kind of worship?

Then please come along to the

Worship for All **Service**

St Mary's, Grendon

Sunday 26th January at 4pm

Followed by refreshments

With special guests

The 'Fleece's' worship band

leading modern worship songs

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, 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...

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| Weds | 22nd | 7.45pm | Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's 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 |
| Tues | 11th | 7.30pm | Castle Ashby PCC Meeting |
| Weds | 12th | 7.00pm | Grendon PCC Meeting |
| Thurs | 13th | 6.30-8pm | Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon |
| Fri | 14th | 11am-1pm | Messy Church at St Mary's Grendon |

The Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 49: 1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1st letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1: 1-9

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 1: 29-42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glorify to you, O Lord**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**