

In & around the Benefice....

26th January | The Third Sunday of Epiphany

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'Church' with a difference

an opportunity for all the family to be creative, meet other families, explore God's word, have fun & enjoy time together.

Friday 14th February 4-6pm

Including supper
 At **St Mary's, Grendon**
'Loving God's creation'

Children of all ages welcome, must bring an adult!
 No charge but donations welcome.
 Please email
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 To book your places.

Worship in our churches

Today.....

9.00am	Holy Communion	Castle Ashby
11.00am	All Age Holy Communion	Yardley Hastings
4.00pm	Worship For All	Grendon
	<i>- with 'The Fleeces' worship band</i>	

Next Week 2nd February, Candlemas

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

Midweek Services

Weds	9.30am	Holy Communion	Grendon
Fri	9.30am	Morning Prayer	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, 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*	29th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby *Please note change of day to last Wednesday from January onwards*
Weds	29th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	30th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	31st	3.30pm	After School Club at St Margaret's, Denton
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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	4 - 6.00pm	Messy Church, St Mary's Grendon: please note change of time

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1st letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1: 10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 4: 12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'

Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen