

In & around the Benefice....

1st March | First Sunday of Lent

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Worship in our churches

Today.....

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

Next Week 8th March, Second Sunday of Lent

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

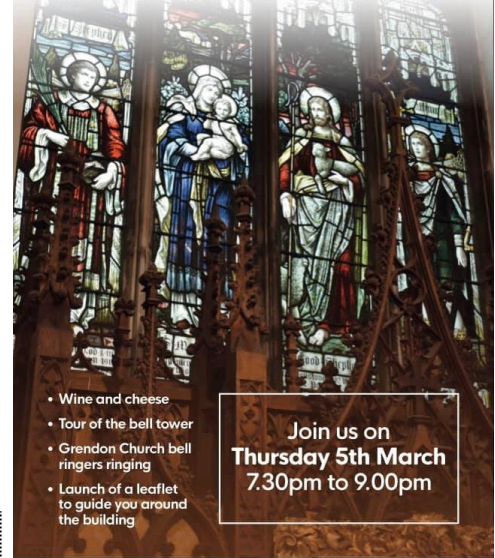
Midweek Services

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

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, Ann and Colin Dix
- ◇ Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: Edith O'Loughlin, Chris Sayles, Tom Stock, Nicholas Vaughan, Freddie Hogan, Diane Claber, Mandy Bates
- ◇ The recently departed and all who grieve at this time

The Grendon Heritage trust would like to invite you to come and explore the history of St Marys Church Grendon and discover more about this historic building



- Wine and cheese
- Tour of the bell tower
- Grendon Church bell ringers ringing
- Launch of a leaflet to guide you around the building

Join us on
Thursday 5th March
 7.30pm to 9.00pm

LENT LUNCHES, 12-2pm

Please join us for a simple Lent Lunch on:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosted by</u>
5 March	Ann Pearson , Castle Ashby Lodge, Chadstone, NN7 1LH
12 March	Carole Clark , The Old Quart Pot, Denton, NN7 1DR
19 March	URC Yardley Hastings
26 March	Deborah Rush , 26 Main Road, Grendon, NN7 1JW
2 April	Lucy Williamson , 14 Chase Park Rd, Yardley Hastings, NN7 1HD

Donations to the Daylight Centre gratefully received



Dates for the Diary...

Tues	3rd	1.00-3.00pm	Carers' group at Yardley Hastings Memorial Hall.
Weds	4th	11.00am-12	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Weds	5th	7.45pm	Benefice Choir practice, St Andrew's Yardley Hastings
Thurs	5th	12.00-2pm	Lent Lunch at the home of Ann Pearson, Castle Ashby Lodge, NN7 1LH
Thurs	5th	7.30-9pm	Grendon Heritage Trust cheese and wine evening at St Mary's, Grendon
Fri	6th	9.30am	Little Fishes and Health Visitor clinic at St Margaret's, Denton
Fri	6th	10.00am-12	'The Meeting Place' - Coffee morning, Grendon Village Hall
Sat	7th	9.15am	Lent Course at the URC, Yardley Hastings - Second of six sessions
Thurs	12th	6.30-8pm	Youth Group, St Mary's Grendon
Fri	13th	3.30pm	After School Club at St Margaret's, Denton
Sat	14th	9.30-4pm	Bishop's Bible Day, Northampton High School, see website for details.
Sat	21st	11am-5pm	Daffodil Festival, Grendon
Weds	25th	10.30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee morning, The Buttery, Castle Ashby

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 5: 12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass.

For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 4: 1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**