

In & around the Benefice....

30th August | Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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Benefice Worship and Praise is live online at 10am on Sunday 30th August

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89305575450>

Meeting ID: 893 0557 5450

Holy Communion services in our churches:

30th August 10am	Whiston	6th Sept 10am	Grendon
		13th Sept 10am	Denton
		20th Sept 10am	Yardley Hastings
		27th Sept 10am	Castle Ashby

For the time being, we request that you only attend the services in your usual church, as numbers are limited due to the social distancing rules. Online services will continue each Sunday for those not able to come to one of the "live" services.

It is mandatory that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship

Harvest Festival services

May be held outdoors, weather permitting

6th Sept	10am	Yardley Hastings
13th Sept	10am	Castle Ashby
20th Sept	10am	Grendon
27th Sept	10am	Denton
27th Sept	3pm	Whiston



FROM THE ARCHDEACON OF NORTHAMPTON: APPOINTMENT OF NEW RECTOR

Following interview and with the agreement of the Bishop of Peterborough, the Marquess of Northampton, and the unanimous support of the parish representatives,

the **Revd Morna Simpson**,

currently Assistant Curate in the Holy Spirit Parish, Leicester, has been appointed Rector of Yardley Hastings, Denton & Grendon w Castle Ashby & Whiston.

This announcement is subject to the DBS check.

Bishop Donald and I are very grateful to all who helped with the preparation of the profile, and for the continuing and encouraging ministry of the Benefice in the service of Christ during the Rector vacancy. Please hold Morna in your prayers as she prepares to finish her ministry in Leicester and move to the Benefice with her partner Becky. Please welcome them warmly to this new chapter of ministry as the church begins to emerge from lockdown.

Please hold in your prayers this week:

- ◇ The Revd Morna Simpson as she prepares to take up her role as our Rector, and for us all as we enter a new chapter in the life of the Benefice
- ◇ The schools in our Benefice as they prepare to welcome students back this week; for the headteachers John Wayland and Louise Brown and the staff as they endeavour to make school a welcoming and safe environment for all the children
- ◇ The young people in our Benefice who are preparing to move away from home to begin higher education courses.
- ◇ Those suffering from, affected by or working to prevent the spread of Coronavirus
- ◇ NHS staff caring for Covid-19 patients, that they may have strength and resilience for their task, and be kept safe
- ◇ 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: Tom Stock, Nicholas Vaughan, Freddie Hogan, Mandy Bates, Mairi Boyd, Fabienne Godfrey
- ◇ The recently departed, amongst them Chris Sayles, and all who grieve at this time

Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August 2020, 7.30pm

Online via Zoom



Two Marquesses

Three Victorian gentlemen-clerics

One organ-builder

... and a very fine Victorian Organ

On Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August 2020 at 7.30pm NDOA's President-Elect, **Richard Tapp**, Organist of St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby, will tell the fascinating story of the 1872 Nicholson Organ.

Do join this online Zoom event and learn what makes this exceptional and unusual instrument so special; hear about the church's incredible Victorian restoration and the people who made it possible, and some of the history of those who have cherished the organ for nearly 150 years.

All are welcome. Just join the Zoom link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6975997612>. If you have any problems joining, or have Zoom installed already, you simply can go to <https://zoom.us/join> and type in the Meeting ID 697 599 7612 and your name.

If you have any queries please email Richard at editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk.

Next NDOA event: **John Wilson**, NDOA President, will give a Zoom presentation on ***Around the UK in 40 Organs*** on Saturday 26th September at 7.30pm.

Find us at www.northamptonorganists.org.uk and on Facebook

Reflection:

'I AM WHO I AM' Exodus 3:1-15

With Pharaoh dead and the Israelites crying out to God, God hears their cry and is concerned for them. God has a plan! He is going to work through Moses to rescue the Israelites from slavery.

God is speaking to Moses in a completely unexpected place, a burning bush. I suspect there are not many of us who have encountered God in a burning bush. But God does use unexpected sources when communicating with us. It might be through unexpected people or a quiet or loud voice in an unexpected situation or an unexpected experience or event. For that reason, I do not believe in coincidences, instead I believe in God-incidences! Can you think of a time when you have heard God? In the days to come do spend some time thinking about this. It might be that you heard God very clearly or it might be that you realised on reflection that God had spoken to you through someone, or some experience. Whichever it is we know that God is with us.

'I AM WHO I AM' is what God says to Moses. God is describing his eternal power and unchangeable nature, throughout history and for all time and before time, 'I AM'. This eternal power and unchangeable nature are where we can find stability and security and the knowledge that God hears us and listens to us. The same God who appeared to Moses is the same God who lives in us today.

I would love to hear about the times you have heard God, next time you see me in person or on Zoom do please tell me.

Blessings Liz, Benefice Reader.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.'

When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.'

Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'

He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'

But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?'

God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."'

God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16: 21-28

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for all the benefits that you have won for us, for all the pains and insults that you have borne for us.

Most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.

Amen