

In & around the Benefice....

17th December | Third Sunday of Advent

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Worship in our churches...

Today...

8:00am	Whiston	BCP Eucharist
9:00am	Grendon	Holy Communion
11:00am	Denton	Worship for All
4:00pm	Yardley Hastings	Crib Service and Carol Service



Next week 24th December, Fourth Sunday of Advent...

9:00am	Castle Ashby	Said Holy Communion
4:00pm	Grendon	Crib Service
6:00pm	Castle Ashby	Carol Service
23:30	Denton	Midnight Mass

Midweek Services this week....

Please note: There is no hour of prayer this month.

Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat	9:30am	Denton	Morning Prayer
Weds	9:30am	Grendon	Holy Communion

There are several regular coffee mornings in the benefice each week:

Wednesdays 10am,
Grendon, see church noticeboard for venue

Thursdays 10.30-11.30am,
URC Yardley Hastings

Fridays 10am-12pm,
St Margaret's, Denton



Carol Service in Grendon

Friday 22nd December | 7pm

Carol service at the church including the *first performance* of our Community Choir!

All are welcome!



Carols in Denton!

Carol singers will be walking and singing around the village on Tuesday 19th December raising money for the Children's Society. All are welcome, start at St Margaret's at 6pm.

Carol Service in Denton on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm
9 lessons and carols with refreshments afterwards
Everyone welcome!

Christmas Day Services!

9am BCP Holy Communion, Whiston

9am Holy Communion, Denton—we welcome Rev'd Tim Short

10am Holy Communion, Yardley Hastings

10am Holy Communion, Grendon—we welcome Rev'd Tim Short

11am Holy Communion, Castle Ashby



Dates for the Diary...

December

Sun 17th	4:00pm	Crib Service, St Andrews Yardley Hastings
Weds 20th	7:00pm	Carol Service, St Margaret's Denton
Weds 20th	7:30pm	Community Choir, St Mary's Grendon
Fri 22nd	7:00pm	Carol Service, St Mary's Grendon
Sun 24th	4:00pm	Crib Service at St Mary's Grendon
Sun 24th	6:00pm	Carol Service at St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby
Sun 24th	11:30pm	Midnight Mass at St Margaret's Denton
Sun 31st	11am	United Benefice Service at URC Yardley Hastings

January

Weds 3rd	11am	Little Fishes at St Mary's Grendon
Fri 19th	3:30pm	Messy Church
Thurs 25th	10:30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee Morning
Fri 26th	3:30pm	After School Coffee and Cake at St Margaret's Denton

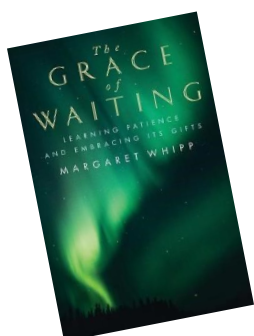
Please hold the following people, places and events in your prayers this week...

- Pray for peace in the Holy Land and especially in Jerusalem
- All those affected by the fires in California
- The preparations for all of the services in Advent and at Christmas across our benefice
- Those involved in Brexit negotiations and all decision making that affects the lives of others
- Those who are responsible for music in our worship, especially Glyn Hughes, Susan Parry, Richard Tapp and all the members of our Benefice Choir.
- Those affected by acts of violence and terrorism
- Our Bishops Donald and John and the senior management team
- Those in residential care and the housebound, among them: Gwen Brimacombe, Audrey Desborough, Bob Taylor, Ruth Williams.
- Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them: Kirsty, Delsie Greasley, Don Green, Sally Hadland, Daniel Herman, Mollie Hurst Jenny McNish, Gui, Mary-anne Miller and Hayley Singlehurst-Mooney.
- The recently departed, among them Jess Lack and all who grieve at this time.



Advent Reading

My advent reading for this year is a book by **Margaret Whipp** who practiced as a consultant oncologist before becoming a priest. She was my tutor in Pastoral Studies at Ripon College, Cuddesdon and she is now lead chaplain at the Oxford University Hospitals Trust.



The book is entitled **The Grace of Waiting – learning patience and embracing it's gifts.**

As someone who struggles to be patient in most situations (!) I am hoping for insight and encouragement.... I will be using the book as a resource in many of the service leading up to Christmas and invite you to join me in reading it through Advent. Do let me know what you think.