

# *In & around the Benefice....*

7th January | Epiphany

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## Worship in our churches...

### Today...

8:00am	Whiston	BCP Eucharist	} We welcome Rev'd Martin Walker
9:00am	Denton	Holy Communion	
11:00am	Grendon	All Age Holy Communion	
4:00pm	Yardley Hastings	Worship for All	

### Next week 14<sup>th</sup> January, Second Sunday of Epiphany...

9:00am	Yardley Hastings	Holy Communion
11:00am	Castle Ashby	Holy Communion
4:00pm	Denton	Worship for All

### Midweek Services this week....

Weds	9:30am	Grendon	Holy Communion
Thurs	7:30pm	Yardley Hastings	Holy Communion
Thurs	8-9pm	Yardley Hastings	Hour of Prayer

### 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



## Dates for the Diary...

### January

Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Funeral service for Mr John Holden RIP, St Andrews YH
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Ministry Team Meeting, St Andrews Meeting Room
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	12pm	Funeral Service for Mrs Jess Lack RIP, St Andrews YH
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	3:45pm	Messy Church
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee Morning
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm	After School Coffee and Cake at St Margaret's Denton
N.B 15 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Reverend Paula on jury service		

### February

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30m	Castle Ashby PCC, The Menagerie, Castle Ashby
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Denton PCC, Old Quart Pot
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Little Fishes, St Mary's Grendon
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Yardley Hastings PCC, St Andrews Meeting Room, YH
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am	Castle Ashby Community Coffee Morning

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

- ◇ Pray for peace in the Holy Land and especially in Jerusalem
- ◇ Those who suffer violence because of their faith, especially the Coptic Christians and Christians in North Korea
- ◇ Those involved in Brexit negotiations and all decision making that affects the lives of others
- ◇ 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, Sally Hadland, Daniel Herman, Mollie Hurst, Jenny McNish, Gui, Mary-anne Miller and Hayley Singlehurst-Mooney.
- ◇ The recently departed, among them John Holden, Simon Holden, Jess Lack and all who grieve at this time.

### **The Collect**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the  
earth: mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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)

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of

all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post Communion**

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn  
by your light discern the glory of your presence in  
your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**