

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

*3rd July | Third Sunday after Trinity*

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*The good news of Jesus Christ speaks of welcome for all, with a particular regard for those who are most vulnerable, into a community where the value and dignity of every human being is affirmed and those in positions of responsibility and authority are truly trustworthy.*

***Please note: Rev Morna is on leave from 1st to 7th July***

## TODAY'S SERVICES

8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Mary the Virgin, Whiston with Rev Janet
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	St Margaret's, Denton with Rev Janet
10.45am	Holy Communion	URC, Yardley Hastings
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Andrew's, Yardley Hastings with Liz

## MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wed 6th July 9.30am Holy Communion St Mary's, Grendon with Rev Janet

## NEXT SUNDAY

9.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby with Rev Janet
10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Yardley Hastings with Rev Janet
4.00pm	Worship Without Walls	St Mary's, Grendon

### **Please hold in your prayers this week:**

- All who are afraid and suffering, having had their lives turned upside down from the Russian invasion into Ukraine
- All who mourn those who have lost their lives through the Ukraine invasion
- International leaders who are working to support Ukraine and to broker peace
- For truth to be seen and understood within Russia.
- Those who continue to feel exhausted and who are suffering from burn out
- Teachers, staff and pupils at Grendon Primary, Denton Primary and Yardley Hastings Primary Schools
- Those who continue to feel lonely, anxious or isolated
- Those struggling in body, mind or spirit, among them: The Fleet family, Gerald and Janet Hunt, Freddie Hogan, Liz Taylor, Ruth Williams, Derek and Janette Hopkins, Audrey Desborough, Jenny Payne, Judith Keggins, Mandy Bates and Jo Cawley.
- Those recently departed, and all who grieve at this time.

## **The Collect**

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## **First reading**

*2 Kings 5.1-14*

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second reading**

*Galatians 6.1-16*

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will

reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 10.1-11,16-20*

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

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.' The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**

## **REFLECTION**

### **Space to breathe, to be...to allow God in.**

Last week we had Sunday Breakfast at the earlier time of 9am at St Andrew's, which was very well received. It's an informal and unstructured time of fellowship which offers the opportunity to ponder a theme on your own or in companionship with others whilst enjoying tea or coffee and pastries. Our theme last week was light, and there were a number of different ways to pause and reflect. What was absolutely brilliant though is that whilst we allowed space for that, God showed up in a powerful way. For some in our number it was an opportunity to talk and let go of things that they had been holding onto for some time; painful and hurtful burdens that had lurked in darkness. It would be trite to suggest that significant distress was dealt with, or healed, in that moment. It did seem, though, that there was a sense of liberation after speaking those matters out; not that they were gone, but that they were no longer all consuming. We had allowed space to breathe, space for God to come and minister. It was truly powerful, and whilst not everyone was aware of what was happening, most were aware of God's profound presence.

Later this week I met with a few people who bring Sunday Breakfast together. We were trying to pinpoint what it is and why it is important. Their response was that it is a space to be, to pause, and perhaps to press reset in a world where we are constantly playing catch up. They said it is important that we are there, making sure that the doors are flung open so people can come in and find us and be made welcome in God's house. We each have something unique and special to offer in our villages as 'space' and it is something that so many people are desperately seeking. Perhaps we need to work at just 'offering space' and trusting that God will show up to fill in the gaps.

Every blessing,

Morna

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### REGULAR EVENTS:

#### **Every Tuesday:**

The YH Benefice Community Larder - Castle Ashby Compton Club/Denton Village Hall.  
See the '**THIS WEEK**' section below for the current venue. The larder is open to everyone! There is no eligibility criteria. **CASH ONLY**. Bring £5 /£10 and a bag with you. Membership is £10 for a year.

#### **Every Tuesday:**

Crafter's corner, 2-4pm in the URC dining room. All are welcome. Please bring your own craft to do. There is a small charge of £1.50 per session. Tea, coffee and biscuits are always available.

#### **Every Wednesday:**

Midweek Communion at 9:30am at St Mary's Grendon

#### **Every Thursday:**

Crafting in St Margaret's Church, Denton, 2.00pm - 3.00pm. Bring something you want to work on or come for a natter and meet new friends. Refreshments available. Contact Pat - 890078 for info.

#### **Every Friday:**

Coffee morning at St Margaret's Church, Denton from 10 - 12. Croissants, toast and friendly chat.

### THIS WEEK:

#### **Sunday 3rd July:**

Open Gardens, 11.00am - 5.30pm, Yardley Hastings. Admission by programme only - available from the Memorial Hall. Entry £6 adults, £5 concessions. (accompanied under 16's free)

#### **Monday 4th July:**

The YH Benefice Community Larder, 1.30-2.15pm at the Compton Club, Castle Ashby

### FURTHER AHEAD:

#### **Sunday 17th July:**

St Margaret's Church Patronal Festival, 5.30pm on the Village Green, Denton followed by burgers and drinks in the pub. Please let Carole know by 10 July if you intend to join us at the pub:  
Carole Clarke on [890170](tel:890170) or [councillorcaroleclarke@hotmail.com](mailto:councillorcaroleclarke@hotmail.com)

#### **Saturday 23rd July:**

Choral Evensong, 5.00pm for the Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby.  
All welcome.

#### **Sunday 24th July:**

Family Barbeque hosted by Max and Jane Cooke at The Willows, 56 Castle Ashby Rd, Y.H.  
For further details and ticket information, please email [debs.yh62@gmail.com](mailto:debs.yh62@gmail.com)  
Proceeds towards the upkeep of St Andrew's Church

#### **Sunday 31st July:**

Fiori Musicali, 7.30pm at St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby

#### **Sunday 7th August:**

Castle Ashby Church Fete and fun dog show, from 12 noon

#### **Saturday 20th August:**

Quiz Night, 7.00pm at St Margaret's Church Denton. Contact Pat Terry 01604 890078, to book a table



# Yardley Hastings Open Gardens

Sunday 3rd July  
11.00am - 5.30pm

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## Fiori Musicali

**BACH & TELEMANN** at Castle Ashby  
Sunday 31 July at 7.30pm

The beautiful church at Castle Ashby will be resounding with wonderful baroque music this month. **Baroque violinist Kerstin Linder-Dewan** has performed in many of the world's great concert halls. A star Fiori Musicali performer, and prize winner in the International Locatelli Competition, Kerstin has recorded concertos by JS Bach with Fiori and delights audiences with her sensitivity and virtuosity.

At her happiest performing the music of **JS Bach**, violinist Kerstin Linder-Dewan will be playing his famous Brandenburg Concerto no.4 in a summer evening concert of music by **Bach and Telemanni** with **Fiori Musicali** at St Mary Magdalene, Castle Ashby on Sunday 31 July.

The British period instrument orchestra **Fiori Musicali** are one of the main providers of classical and early music concerts outside London. Founded by director Dr Penelope Rapson, Fiori have earned a reputation for bringing first class music to thousands of music lovers annually across the region and showcasing some of today's finest **professional** baroque specialists. Fiori have a number of acclaimed CDs, including first performances in modern times of music hidden away in archives for centuries. And their new Tallis CD was recently reviewed on **BBC Radio 3** by Jeremy Summerly. Come and enjoy their uplifting music live in **St Mary Magdalene on Sunday 31 July** – limited tickets available online from **Ticketsource**.

## St. Mary Magdalene Castle Ashby



## PATRONAL FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG

Choral Evensong will be sung by an invited choir specially formed for the occasion, directed by Stephen Meakins

The service will include Purcell's introit *Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our hearts* and Brahms' *How lovely are Thy dwellings fair*

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