

Christmas Services in the Benefice



St John the Baptist, Grove

CHRISTINGLE – 9th December at 4pm
CAROL SERVICE – 23rd December at 6pm
CRIB SERVICE – 24th December at 4pm
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION – 24th December 11:30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION – 25th December at 10am



St James the Great, West Hanney

NATIVITY & CAROLS – 16th December at 2.15pm. Meet at Kings Farm House on East Hanney Green to sing carols and hear the Christmas story
CAROL SERVICE – 16th December at 6pm
CAROL SINGING – 19th December at 5:30pm. Meet on Butter Cross Green at 5.30pm. For more details phone Polly on 07759 410444
CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB - 24th December at 5:30pm
MIDNIGHT MASS – 24th December at 11:30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY EUCHARIST – 25th December at 9:30am

St James the Great, Denchworth

VILLAGE CAROLS with Wantage Silver Band– 16th December at 10am
CRIB SERVICE – 24th December at 4pm
CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION – 25th December at 10am

St Nicholas, East Challow

CAROL SERVICE – 16th December at 4pm
CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB - 24th December at 4pm
MIDNIGHT MASS – 24th December at 11:30pm
CHRISTMAS DAY PARISH EUCHARIST – 25th December at 11:15am



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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Welcome! St Nicholas, whom we are celebrating at Challow today, was Bishop of Myra in Turkey in the 4th century. As well as stories which gave him the nickname Santa Claus, we know he was affected by the politics of his time, imprisoned in the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian and later released under Constantine.

On Tuesday we ourselves will witness the most politically significant vote for 40 years in Parliament. Let's pray for our MPs, particularly Ed Vaizey, as they cast their votes, and pray for our country and Europe.

Sunday 9th December 2018

The Second Sunday in Advent | St Nicholas
Isaiah 61: 1-3 | 1 Timothy 6: 6-11 | Luke 3: 1-6

St John the Baptist, Grove
8am Holy Communion – Rev John Durant
10am **NO SERVICE**
4pm Christingle Service

St James the Great, West Hanney
9.30am **NO SERVICE**

St James the Great, Denchworth
10am **NO SERVICE**

St Nicholas, East Challow
9:30am Family Eucharist – Rev John Durant and Mrs Pat Hudson
11.15am Parish Eucharist and PATRONAL FESTIVAL – Rev John Durant

*Please turn mobile phones off or to silent before the services begins
Gluten-free wafers are available - please tell the vicar when receiving communion.*

BENEFICE NEWS

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY the Christmas meeting for Friends on Friday will be on the 14th December. There will be some mince pies!

ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL will be singing a selection of songs for the community, at the Village Hall on Monday 17th December at 1.45pm. Everyone is welcome, there will be tea and mince pies. Please spread the word. We will be putting posters up.

Two current job opportunities at Viva Could you, or someone you know, be the right person to join Viva's dynamic, creative Fundraising and Outreach Team, based in Oxford? The global children's charity is currently seeking a Supporter Relations Manager to build and develop relationships with individuals and churches (application deadline: 14 January) and also has an urgent short-term, part-time position of Fundraising Assistant, to begin January (application deadline: 17 December). All the details are at www.viva.org/jobs

ADVENT COURSE At 7:30pm on Tuesday 11th & 18th Dec at Windrush Challow Road. It is based on the York Course "So what are you waiting for?"

SAVE USED STAMPS FOR LEPROSY MISSION Sandra Holden from the Leprosy Mission has written to thank us for our gifts of used stamps. Last year 'Stamps and Collectables' raised £55,600 for the Mission. You can put stamps in an envelope, in my pigeon hole at any time. Peter Rich.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ Gordon and Angela Handley's Christmas Quiz is available from them at £1 per paper. Can be done over Christmas and handed in to Gordon after Christmas. It's great fun. Have a go! You can buy them from Gordon and Angela or from the cornerstone.

GROVE CHURCH GATES will be locked from 5pm on Thursday 27th to 5pm on Friday 28th December. Thank you!

ST JOHN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD DONATIONS If you would like to donate instead of sending out Christmas cards to the church family this year, please do pass your donations to the church office and pin your Christmas Card to the church members up on the board in the foyer. Thank you.

FLOWERS there will be a basket at the back of Grove church for anyone wishing to donate to the cost of the church Christmas flowers.

GROVE PHASE 2 HALL BUILDING WORKS Work is progressing well despite the recent wet weather. The brickwork is complete, the steel girders have been installed and work has commenced on the roof. Please be careful when moving around the grounds during the building work, paths and car park may be slippery. Please remember that there is no parking Monday-Friday during the working day except for 2 Blue Badge Holders

GROVE CE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR A HUGE "Thank you" to everyone who helped out and who came and supported our church school fair last Saturday. Appreciated greatly.

LITTLE PEOPLE Would like to say a HUGE "Thank you" for all the Christmas Gifts that have been donated to them for local families in need.

LITTLE PEOPLE Do you have a freezer for a family with one small child and another expected? Or do you have a washer? If you do, please contact Jacky Mattam

jackymattam@btinternet.com

SAFEGUARDING there will be a C2S1 and S1 training session at Grove on 16th January 2019. If you would like to attend, please find the booking links below:

C2S1: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/c2s1-safeguarding-training-with-safer-recruitment-leadership-tickets-52871008610>

S1: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/s1-safeguarding-training-safer-recruitment-tickets-52871439900>

All participants need to register for a space so that the team can prepare the correct training materials and certificates. Many thanks

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK please send any notices to news@valebenefice.org.uk by 10pm on Wednesday. Only include personal information such as your name or contact details if you consent.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Mon	9.00am 2pm 7pm	Morning Prayer at St John's, Grove Singing for the Brain, St John's Rooms, Grove 1 st Grove Guides, St John's Hall, Grove
Tue	9am 10am 10am 2pm 7pm 7.30pm 7:30pm	Grow Group: Stay & Play, St John's Hall, Grove Simply Singing Group, St Johns Room's, Grove Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney U3A Main Meeting (Film), St John's Hall, Grove 2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Hall, Grove Chess Group, St John's Rooms, Grove (Upper & Lower Rooms) Advent Course, Windrush, Challow Road
Wed	9.15am 7:30pm 7:30pm 8pm	St John's Toddlers Group, St John's Rooms, Grove Trefoil Guild, St Johns Rooms, Grove (Lower room) Wantage Badminton Group, St Johns Hall, Grove 20s and 30s group
Thu	10am 1pm 5:30pm 8pm	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow Grow Group: St John's Hall, Grove 1 st Grove Brownies, St Johns Hall, Grove St John's Badminton Group, St John's Hall, Grove
Fri	2pm 7pm	Friends on Friday Christmas Meeting, St Johns Rooms, Grove Youth Club, St John's Hall, Grove (TBC) please check.
Sat	7.30am	Breakfast Prayer Group, Cornerstone Shop, Grove
Sun	St John the Baptist, Grove 8am 10am 6pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion No service Youth Group Meeting in St John's Rooms, Grove
	St James the Great, West Hanney 9.30am 2.15pm 6pm	Parish Eucharist Nativity & Carols (East Hanney) Carol Service
	St James the Great, Denchworth 10am	Village Carol Service with Wantage Silver Band
	St Nicholas, East Challow 11.15am 4pm	Parish Eucharist Carol Service

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The health and healing of Norah Johnson, Margaret Godden, Ari, Annabel & Ophelia Psaras, Jim Collins, Jim Triffitt, Elva Clarke, Derek Cousins, Roland Bustany, Oliver Baxe, Mikayla Beames, Steve West, Pam Tranter, Derrick Allen, Bev Rolls, Philip Coldwell, Jayne & Nick Davison, Tom Gledhill, Stan Mills.

Friends and Family mourning for Ken Cross and Stella Miles.

Those living at Hyde Road in Denchworth, Berry Lane in East Hanney; The Meads in West Hanney, Godfrey Close and Oxford Lane in Grove; Grove Park Drive.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 44	Isaiah 45: 14-end
Tue	Psalm 56	Isaiah 46
Wed	Psalm 62	Isaiah 47
Thu	Psalm 54	Isaiah 48: 1-11
Fri	Psalm 86	Isaiah 48: 12-end
Sat	Psalm 145	Isaiah 49: 1-13