

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 97: 1-2, 6-10	Hebrews 1: 1-6	Mark 1: 14-20
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 8	Hebrews 2: 5-12	Mark 1: 21-28
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 105: 1-9	Hebrews 2: 14-end	Mark 1: 29-39
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 95: 1, 8-end	Hebrews 3: 7-14	Mark 1: 40-end
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 78: 3-8	Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11	Mark 2: 1-12
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 19:7-end	Hebrews 4: 12-end	Mark 2: 13-17



For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

*Psalm 36:9*

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## VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our worship today, when we mark the transition from the old to the new covenant (God's way of interacting with people).

St Luke tells us about the hand-over from John the Baptist (son of an old infertile woman and the last of the prophets) to Jesus (son of a teenage virgin and fulfiller of the prophets). John came to call people to repent of sins baptising them with water; Jesus came to bring the Kingdom of God on earth baptising people with the Holy Spirit, to empower them to continue building the Kingdom – as we find them doing in Acts, and as we are called to do today.

### Sunday 13th January 2019

#### The Baptism of Christ

*Isaiah 43: 1-7 | Acts 8: 14-17 | Luke 3: 15-22*

#### St John the Baptist, Grove

8am Holy Communion – Rev Alec Gill

10am Searchlight – Rev John Durant and Jane Greenhalgh

6pm Holy Communion – Rev Peter Rich

#### St James the Great, West Hanney

9.30am Parish Eucharist – Rev Alec Gill

#### St James the Great, Denchworth

10am Holy Communion – Rev Geoff Maughan

#### St Nicholas, East Challow

9.30am Family Service

11.15am Parish Eucharist – Rev Alec Gill

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

## BENEFACTIVE NEWS

**SEARCHLIGHT** The very first Searchlight service will take place on Sunday 13th, with opportunities for reflection and discussion on our direction for this year. We are also embarking on a construction project in the Hall, for anyone who would like to take part in building a lighthouse. To help with the building, we need BOXES – lots of them, so if you have any left over from Christmas that haven't yet been recycled, we need cardboard or polystyrene, wrapping paper tubes, and any left-over tape you may have lying around! See you there!

**GROVE CE SCHOOL PRAYERS** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. In the school hall (9am – 9.30am). Please sign in at reception first. All Welcome.

**FOODBANK** Dear Churches, we are looking for a Foodbank Manager to help with the running of foodbank with the rest of the committee. Please could you ask if anyone in your church would be interested.

We would be more than happy for two people (or more) to share the roles involved in this job between them. If you are interested or would like to know more please contact Elaine Day / Foodbank on [Wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:Wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com) or come to our next meeting on Thursday 17th January 2pm at 28 Warmans Close. Many thanks. FoodBank Committee.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY AT VIVA** the global children's charity, Viva, is seeking a dynamic and creative Supporter Relations Manager to build and develop relationships with individuals and churches and join the dynamic and creative team based in Oxford. The application deadline is Monday 14 January and all the details are at [www.viva.org/jobs](http://www.viva.org/jobs).

**EAST CHALLOW CHURCH FELLOWSHIP** are meeting on Tuesday 15th January at Church, 7.30pm, at "Kemgise", Sarajac Avenue, for our Annual Games Evening. Bring a game, or just come and share the fun!

**SAFEGUARDING** there are still space left for C2S1 safeguarding training at St John's rooms on January 16th 6.30-9pm. If you would like to attend, please book via book via Pat Hudson -07787120045 or [Patricia.a.hudson16@gmail.com](mailto:Patricia.a.hudson16@gmail.com). It can be done online but if people prefer a face to face training, this will save travel.

**ETHICS GROUP** The next ethics group meeting is on Thursday 17th January. 8pm in the St John's rooms. We shall be listening to a podcast about compassion and discussing the issues raised. All welcome.

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ** there is still time to complete the Christmas Quiz. The closing date is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January. You can get a quiz from Gordon and Angela Handley.

**MARGARET GODDEN** a memorial service for Margaret will be taking place at St John's Church on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 1:30pm

**HANNEY COFFEE ROTA** after-worship fellowship over coffee and the chance to talk to each other as well as welcome visitors is a vital part of a Sunday morning. Please do see if you could offer to help and fill in one or two sessions each quarter - the list is available for signing and your support would be much appreciated.

**GROVE PHASE 2 HALL BUILDING WORKS** Work is progressing well the extension is built the roof is on and work now starts on the inside. The installation of the electric and plumbing have been installed. 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.

**LITTLE PEOPLE** Do you have any bedroom furniture such as chests of drawers? They would have to be small enough to fit into a hatch back? If you do have any of these, please contact Jacky [jackymattam@btinternet.com](mailto:jackymattam@btinternet.com)

**ST JOHN'S HOSPITALITY ROTAS** the latest "Welcome" and "Refreshments" rotas for January to April, have some gaps, please add your name if you can help. Rota's are on the board in the foyer. Thank you very much!

**NEWSLETTER NOTICES** Please send any notices to [news@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:news@valebenefice.org.uk) by 10pm on Wednesday you would like included in this. Only include personal information such as your name or contact details if you consent.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<b>Mon</b>	<b>9.00am</b> 2pm 7pm	<b>Grove CE School Morning Prayers</b> at the school Sing for the Brain, St John's Hall, Grove 1 <sup>st</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Hall, Grove
<b>Tue</b>	<b>9.30am</b> 10am <b>10am</b> 2pm 7pm 7.30pm	GroW: "Stay & Play" St John's Hall, Grove Simply Singing Group, St John's Rooms, Grove <b>Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney</b> U3A Meeting, St John's Hall, Grove 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Hall, Grove Chess Club, St John's Rooms, Grove
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9.15am</b> 6:30pm 7.30pm 7:30pm	St John's Toddlers Group, St John's Rooms, Grove Safeguarding Course (C2), St John's Rooms, Grove Wantage Art Group, St John's Hall, Grove East Challow Games Evening, "Kemgise" Sarajac Avenue
<b>Thu</b>	<b>10am</b> 10am 1pm 5:30pm 8pm	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow</b> WHE Exercise Group (over 60's), St John's Lower Rm, Grove GroW: "Bumps & Beyond", St John's Lower Room, Grove Grove Brownies, St John's Hall, Grove Ethics Group St John's Rooms, Grove
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2pm</b> 7pm	Friends on Friday (HC), St John's Lower Room, Grove Youth Club, St John's Hall, Grove
<b>Sat</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Breakfast Prayer Group, St John's Rooms, Grove
<b>Sun</b>	<b>St John the Baptist, Grove</b> 8am 10am 4pm 6pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion United Service at Wantage C of E School. No Service (United Service (4pm) Wantage C of E School) Senior Youth Group, St John's Rooms, Grove
	<b>St James the Great, West Hanney</b> 9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	<b>St James the Great, Denchworth</b> 10am	Holy Communion
	<b>St Nicholas, East Challow</b> 11.15am	Parish Eucharist

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**The health and healing** of Robert Teare, Norah Johnson, 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, Stan Mills and Tom Gledhill who has had a serious fall and who is being cared for at Royal United Hospitals in Bath.

**Friends and Family mourning** for Dorothy Drummond, Yvonne Drakes, Dominique Hill, Margaret Godden, Jean Margaret Ireson and David Ledbury.

**Those living at** The Croft in West Hanney; Hawthorn Crescent, Mill Lane and Howard Avenue in Grove; Hedge Hill Road in East Challow; Brook Lane in Denchworth.