

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayers, St John's Rooms
	1.00pm	Funeral of John Jefferies, Denchworth church
	7.00pm	1st Grove Guides, St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Searchlight Meeting, St John's Rooms
Tue	9.30am	GroW: "Stay & Play Group", St John's Hall
	10.00am	Simply Singing Group, St John's Rooms
	10.00am	Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney
	1.30pm	Baby Massage Group, St John's Rooms
	2.00pm	U3A Meeting, St John's Hall
	7.00pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Hall
	7.30pm	Chess Club, St John's Rooms
	7.30pm	Lent Group, St Nicholas Church, East Challow
Wed	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Hall
	2.00pm	Lent Group, Philberds Manor, East Hanney
	7.30pm	Wantage Art Group, St John's Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Group, St John's Rooms
	8.00pm	St John's Sunday Clubs Meeting, Upper St John's Rooms
Thu	10.00am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	10.00am	WHE Exercise Class (over 60's), St John's Hall
	1.00pm	GroW Group: "Bumps & Beyond" St John's Rooms
	5:30pm	1 st Grove Brownies, St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Ethics Meeting, St John's Rooms
	8.00pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Hall
Fri	7.00pm	Youth Club, St John's Hall
Sat	7.30am	Breakfast Prayer Group, St John's Rooms
Sun		St John the Baptist, Grove
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Worship
	6.00pm	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Rooms
		St James the Great, West Hanney
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
		St James the Great, Denchworth
	10am	Holy Communion
		St Nicholas, East Challow
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist

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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



A very warm welcome to our services today.

Not just in church or on Sunday, but every day and everywhere Jesus is present.
"Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me" (from St Patrick's Breastplate).

Sunday 17th March 2019

The Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 | Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 | Luke 13; 31-35

St John the Baptist, Grove

8am Holy Communion – Rev John Durant
10am Holy Communion – Rev John Durant
6pm Evening Worship – Rev John Durant

St James the Great, West Hanney

9.30am Parish Eucharist – Rev Alec Gill

St James the Great, Denchworth

10am Holy Communion – Rev Peter Rich

St Nicholas, East Challow

11.15am Parish Eucharist – Rev Alec Gill

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

BENEFACTIVE NEWS

At our **Grove PCC** we were encouraged NOT to fiddle or dabble with the heating switches! We explored the next steps of our vision and decided to share this with the AGM; and also agreed that at the AGM we propose to inform the AGM that we implement the Parish Giving scheme; make a proposal about our Mission Giving and may have to ask the AGM about the final stages of the Hall Project of which the new side should be ready to use in a couple of weeks, and recommended the Financial Accounts be presented to the AGM. We also authorised the GroW Committee to implement the employees' contracts and heard that the fire door faculty had been submitted.

LENT GROUPS Tuesday evenings at St Nicholas Church (7.30pm), Wednesdays at Philberds Manor, East Hanney (2pm), Wednesdays at St John's Rooms, Grove (7.30pm)

ST JOHN'S SUNDAY CLUBS Meeting, Wednesday 20th March, 8pm (Upper St John's Rooms). You are warmly invited to join with prayers in the Lent Group (Lower St John's Rooms) from 7.30pm to 8pm (before the Sunday Club Meeting starts at 8pm).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE Thank you to all involved in the organisation & presentation of this lovely service & to everyone who attended. It was conducted beautifully with thought, sympathetic devotion & fellowship. The WDP Service is shared by many countries across the world on the 1st Friday of March yearly and the service is prepared by a different country each year. On Friday 6th March 2020 it will be brought to us from Zimbabwe: "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". Please do put the date in your diary!

ETHICS GROUP meeting is on Thursday 21st March (8pm), St John's room. We shall be listening to a podcast on the Moral imperative of Organ Donation.

HANNEY FRIDAY FUN thanks for the prayer support for our FRIDAY FUN sessions. Please continue to pray for us as we prepare for the next session on Friday 29 March, looking at love and trust as we think about Mothering Sunday.

HANNEY WOODEN CHAIRS there are sample wooden chairs in the Chancel for people to try. All are welcome but please don't fill in the survey unless you worship on a regular basis at St James. The Church is open during daylight hours.

BADMINTON on Thursday evenings is meeting again in the church hall (8pm).

DENCHWORTH we must apologise for the inconvenience that for the foreseeable future there is no water available at the New Churchyard and unfortunately people will need to bring their own supply of water.

THE PORCH IN OXFORD I am helping collect supplies for The Porch in Oxford. This is a local charity that provides support for the homeless. At present they are requesting help with Easter celebrations specifically Easter eggs and Sainsbury's vouchers to provide meat for their Easter meal. General donations of coffee, tea, sugar, shower gel, condiments such as tomato sauce etc. If you would like more information, please ask me. You can see more about their work on their website. I am aware we already support other charities, but any donations would be appreciated. Thank you. Catherine Bulpitt

THE CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING on 9th March raised £70 for Christian Aid, £83 for Cornerstone Tradecraft and £45 for Duchenne Disease Research. Many thanks for all your support. Juliet.

STREET PASTORS need volunteers to help with a weekly afternoon patrol in Wantage during school home time. If you are interested in either a Street Pastors or Prayer Support role, please contact Nigel on 07554655594 or email wantageandgrove@streetpastors.org.uk

GROVE HOSPITALITY ROTAS (10am Services) we still have gaps on the "Welcome" and "Refreshments" rotas. If you can help with any of the following rota gaps, please add your name to the printed Rotas (in the church foyer). We still need; - "Refreshments Servers" 7th Apr & "Wash-Up" 17th Mar, 24th Mar, 7th Apr 14th Apr and 21st Apr. Many thanks.

GROVE EXTRAVAGANZA Sat 15th June (Grove Rugby Field). Volunteers needed to work as a team with others from Grove churches. Please contact Helen Harwood for details: andrewandhelenharwood@yahoo.co.uk.

LITTLE PEOPLE if you have a clean child car seat for any age, single or double bedding, a large saucepan, summer clothes for a boy age 4-5 years, a chest of drawers, or single bed please contact Jacky at jackymattam@btinternet.com Thank you.

TODDLERS need someone to help them on the following dates; 1st & 8th May 5th & 12th June. Please see John Durant if you could help for the duration or even set up and clear up.

PLAY AT WANTAGE METHODIST CHURCH on 12th April. Professional actor, Mark Topping, performs a one-man Passion play – 'An Impossible God' at Wantage Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Proceeds in aid of Wantage & Grove Street Pastors. Tickets available from Diane Hayward, or Cornerstone or the Kings Centre. £10 waged or £7.50 unwaged.

GROVE PHASE 2 HALL BUILDING WORKS we now have the store room and furniture store, which are already being used. The chairs and tables are now stored there. If using the furniture, please return it carefully. A temporary screen has been installed. Plastering of the toilets and to the side window wall of the hall is now being carried out. Please remember that there is **no parking Monday - Friday during the working day** except for 2 Blue Badge Holders. Thank you.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The health and healing of May Piggott, Dennis Geer, Stephen Meadows, Norah Johnson, Barbara Boulter, Ari, Annabel & Ophelia Psaras, 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.

Friends and Family mourning for Eliana Grace Moulds, John Jefferies, Reginald Bunce, Donald Breeze, Jean Kilbey, Ann Townsend, Kenneth Walklett, Joyce Dobbins & Miriam Wilcock.

Those living at Mill Orchard in East Hanney; Albermarle Drive, Woodhill Drive and Ashdown Way in Grove; Hyde Road in Denchworth; Reynolds Way in East Challow.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 126	Genesis 43: 16-end	Jeremiah 7: 21-end
Tue	Psalm 132	Genesis 44: 1-17	Jeremiah 8: 1-15
Wed	Psalm 119: 153-end	Genesis 44: 18-end	Jeremiah 8: 18- 9: 11
Thu	Psalm 143	Genesis 45: 1-15	Jeremiah 9: 12-24
Fri	Psalm 144	Genesis 45: 16-end	Jeremiah 10: 1-16
Sat	Psalm 147	Genesis 46: 1-7, 28-end	Jeremiah 10: 17-24