



Holy Week

So today is the end of Lent and the start of Holy Week. A warm welcome to you to all our services this week. Each day we follow Jesus as he moves from the crowd's cheers towards his torture and execution... He never runs away or turns back. And so God raises him from death, and offers us new life.

Here's a prayer for this week:

"May I never lose the wonder of the cross.

May I see it like the first time standing as a sinner lost,

Undone by mercy and left speechless, watching wide-eyed at the cost.

May I never lose the wonder, the wonder of the cross. Amen."

(from *The Wonder of the Cross* by Vicky Beeching)

Sunday 14th April 2019

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 42: 1-20 | Psalm 118 | Luke 19: 28-10

St John the Baptist, Grove

8am Holy Communion – Rev John Durant

10am NO SERVICE

6pm Holy Communion – Rev John Durant

St James the Great, West Hanney

9.30am Parish Eucharist (spoken) followed by Palm procession– Rev John Durant and Rev Alec Gill

St James the Great, Denchworth

10am Holy Communion – Rev Peter Rich and Angela Rich

St Nicholas, East Challow

11.15am Parish Eucharist – Rev John Durant

Please turn mobile phones off or to silent before the services begin.

Gluten-free wafers are available - please tell the vicar when receiving communion.

BENEFICE NEWS

NO 10AM SERVICE AT GROVE ON SUNDAY 14TH APRIL (PALM SUNDAY) the 8am and 6pm at Grove are still going ahead. Please attend the other Benefice Church Services; -9.30am Spoken Parish Eucharist at Hanney followed by the palm procession with SEARCHLIGHT. 10am Communion at Denchworth. 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Challow.

FACE TO FACE @ CORNERSTONE cancelled for Wednesday 17th April.

MAUNDY THURSDAY PASSOVER MEAL, COMMUNION & SERVICE at Grove. (18th April) – The meal will start at 7pm in the Grove Church Hall, followed by Holy Communion. The Service in church will be from 8pm. If you would like to attend please either add your name onto the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or advise the office that you will be attending (this is necessary as we need numbers for food quantities). Donations on the night.

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY there will be no Communion Service on the 19th April in St John's Rooms as there is a service in the church at 2pm which they are welcome to attend.

HANNEY EASTER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES a reminder that we have a one of our children's sessions on Good Friday at 10 am in church with a range of activities for families and the very popular Easter Egg Hunt immediately after our Easter Morning Eucharist.

CORNERSTONE will be closed Good Friday & Easter Monday. They are open as usual on Easter Saturday and we will be hosting the St John's Tea Party but at the EARLIER time of 2-3pm. They still have plenty of Easter Eggs and Children's Easter Books to buy.

THE FLOWERS IN THE ENTRANCE HALL are for Jim and Betty's 69th Wedding Anniversary that was on 25th March.

GROVE & WANTAGE SCHOOLS PRAYER GROUP next prayer meeting for local schools is scheduled to be 7:30pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday, 24th April at the St John's Rooms, Grove Parish Church.

IMPACT OVERSEAS PLACEMENT Impact is Viva's brand new volunteer placement, which will see the first team of UK volunteers going to the Philippines to work alongside our partner network, PCMN, at the end of August this year, or January 2020. For all the details visit: www.viva.org/impactprog, or email Vicki at v.price@viva.org.

'TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN' exhibition will feature a range of local artist's work around the concept of children at risk globally, spanning themes from vulnerability to brokenness, and light in the darkness. Visit between 11am – 4pm on Saturday 4th–11th May (excluding Friday 10th), at Viva's Oxford offices. RO visit on Friday 3rd May at 7pm for the exclusive exhibition preview. Please RSVP to c.wilkinson@viva.org.

GROVE EASTER FLOWERS there will be a basket at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate money for a lily in memory of a loved one (suggested amount £3).

GROVE PHASE 2 HALL BUILDING WORKS the work is very nearly completed, the main work left is the flooring to the toilets and installation of the sanitaryware, this should be installed within the next two weeks, and the north wall will be completed in two weeks' time. If using the facilities please remember to put the furniture back in the store room correctly and clean up on completion. Thank you.

CHALLOW NEWS Help required please with the production of Challow News, familiarity or willingness to learn to use Publisher required. For details, please contact Pat or Dave Hudson 07787120044/5 or David66Hudson@gmail.com

HANNEY SPRING CLEAN many thanks to those of the congregation and wider community who did a magnificent job getting rid of the cobwebs in high places, polished windows, cleaned the liturgical brass and much more last Saturday.

LITTLE PEOPLE need an activity walker for a baby and a single bed in good condition. It must be local, as we are unable to collect large items from further afield than Wantage and Grove at present. Ideally the family would prefer a divan. If you can help, please contact jackymattam@btinternet.com Thank you.

WELCOME CHURCH VISITING MEETING on Monday 29 April, at the St John's Rooms, St John's Parish Church, Grove. Meeting from 8.00 to 9.00 pm. Please do join us. There are LOTS of new housing - we do need new volunteers, please. Many thanks Helen Harwood

GROVE AND WANTAGE EXTRAVAGANZA For the Extravaganza we need: People to put up and take down the tent, people to be there in the tent on the day, people to bring items to dress the tent (cushions/ scarves/material etc.), musicians to provide incidental music in the Cornerstone tent, and people to pray. Helen andrewandhelenharwood@yahoo.co.uk Also: At Church, meet to pray after church – grab a coffee and head to crèche room to pay, about the Grove Extravaganza, please, on the Fourth Sunday in April (Sun 28 April) and Third Sunday May (Sun 19 May).

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; - an extra pair of hands to help on **21st Apr**. Many thanks.

GROVE AGM will be on Saturday 27th April from 7pm in St John’s Hall

LONDON MARATHON Andrew Harwood will be running the London Marathon on 28th April and the Isle of Wight Challenge on 4th May in aid of the Samaritans. Any sponsorship would be a big encouragement to him! <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/andrewharwood>

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.



Christian Aid

A member of the Oxford Branch of Christian Aid is coming to
St Nicholas Church, East Challow
Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm

To talk about the projects the charity is focussing on this year.
Everyone Welcome

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

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayers, St John’s Rooms
Tue	10.00am	Simply Singing Group, St John’s Rooms
	10.00am	Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney
	7.30pm	Chess Group, St John’s Rooms
Wed	7.00pm	Passover meal followed by service, St John’s Grove
	7:30pm	Wantage Badminton Group, St John’s Hall
	8.45pm	Wantage Deanery Standing Committee, W. Hanney
Thu	10.00am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	10.00am	WHE Exercise Class (over 60’s), St John’s Hall
Sat	7.30am	Breakfast Prayer Group, St John’s Rooms
Sun	St John the Baptist, Grove	
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Family Communion
	St James the Great, West Hanney	
	9.30am	Easter Eucharist
	St James the Great, Denchworth	
	10am	Holy Communion
	St Nicholas, East Challow	
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday	8pm	St Nicholas, East Challow	Isaiah 42: 1 – 01 Hebrews 9: 11- 152 John 12 : 1 – 113
Tuesday	10am 8pm	St James the Great, West Hanney St James the Great, Denchworth	Isaiah 49: 1 – 71 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 31/322 John 12 : 20 – 363
Wednesday	8pm	St James the Great, West Hanney	Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a1 Hebrews 12: 1- 32 John 13: 21 – 32 3
Maundy Thursday	10am 7pm	St Nicholas, East Challow St John the Baptist, Grove	Exodus 12: 1 – 14 1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26 2 John 13: 1 – 17, 31b – 353
Good Friday	11am	Open Air Service Grove	
	12noon	St James the Great, Denchworth	
	1.30pm	St James the Great, West Hanney	
	2pm	St John the Baptist, Grove	
	2pm	St Nicholas, East Challow	

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 Francis Collett, Michael Beckett, Eliana Grace Moulds, Annie Friend, John Jefferies, Reginald Bunce, Donald Breeze, Jean Kilbey, Ann Townsend, Kenneth Walklett, Joyce Dobbins & Miriam Wilcock.

The “restoration” of E. Challow Village Hall and all those affected

Those living at The Paddocks in East Hanney; The Meads in West Hanney; Cornhill Lane in East Challow and Bridge Farm Close, Westbrook & Westfield Mobile Home Park in Grove.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 73	Exodus 8.1–19	Jeremiah 21.1–10
Tue	Psalm 35	Exodus 8.20–end	Jeremiah 22.1–5, 13–19
Wed	Psalm 55	Exodus 9.1–12	Jeremiah 22.20–23.8
Thu	Psalm 40	Exodus 9.13–end	Jeremiah 23.9–32
Fri	Psalm 22	Exodus 10	Jeremiah 24
Sat	Psalm 23	Exodus 11	Jeremiah 25.1–14

CONTACT DETAILS

Vicar: Revd. John Durant, The Vicarage, Main Street, Grove, OX12 7LQ Tel: 01235 766484,
Email: vicar@valebenefice.org.uk

Associate Vicar: Revd. Alec Gill, The Vicarage, Winter Lane, West Hanney, OX12 0LF
Mobile: 07739 563894, Email: vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk

Licensed Lay Minister: Sue Powditch, Tel: 01235 768141, Email: llm@valebenefice.org.uk

Benefice Office: Grove Parish Church, Main Street, Grove, OX12 7LQ

Open: Mon–Fri 10–12, Tel: 01235 771479, Email: office@valebenefice.org.uk