

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 71	2 Samuel 11	Micah 7.1-7
Tue	Psalm 73	2 Samuel 12.1-25	Micah 7.8-end
Wed	Psalm 77	2 Samuel 15.1-12	Habakkuk 1.1-11
Thu	Psalm 78: 1-39	2 Samuel 15.13-end	Habakkuk 1.12-2.5
Fri	Psalm 55	2 Samuel 16.1-14	Habakkuk 2.6-end
Sat	Psalm 76	2 Samuel 17.1-23	Habakkuk 3.2-19a

Grand
Opening

Sunday, October 20 at 3.00pm.

You are invited to the celebration to mark the completion of our St John's Grove Hall improvements and to thank those who have contributed to its funding and to dedicate its facilities.

We are thrilled that as part of the hall improvements the Church and Hall is now highly accessible to all with "changing places" equipment installed in the disabled toilet, this equipment includes an adult hoist and changing table, improved acoustics for the hard of hearing, easy access to the garden and a calm area.

The Right Rev. Colin Fletcher Bishop of Dorchester will be joining us in our celebration and blessing our new facilities.

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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to the weekly news sheet and a new season. Some have started at a new school; others look forward to university and college. There's change on the horizon for many of us. But the love of Jesus doesn't change.

Today is the diocese's "Ability Sunday", when we're encouraged to remember that Jesus welcomed EVERYONE, no matter their age, gender, race or ability. We're blessed to have the Revd Katie Tupling, Diocesan Disability Adviser, with us for our Searchlight service at Grove. We look forward to following Jesus' example and becoming a more inclusive church ourselves. Let's be it; let's do it!

Sunday 8th September 2019

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 18: 1-11 | Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18 | Philemon 1-21 | Luke 14: 25-33

St John the Baptist, Grove

8am Holy Communion – Rev John Durant

10am Searchlight Service – Rev Katie Tupling and Mrs Jane Greenhalgh

6pm Evening Worship – Rev John Durant

St James the Great, West Hanney

9.30am Parish Eucharist – Rev Alec Gill

St James the Great, Denchworth

10.00am Village Service – Rev Peter and Angela Rich

St Nicholas, East Challow

9.30am Family Service – Rev Chris Ashton

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.*

BENEFICE NEWS

SUNDAY BREAKFAST We would love to welcome everyone to breakfast in the Church Hall, on Sunday 8th September at 9.30 as part of our Searchlight Service, looking at Ability and Disability. We are delighted to be welcoming Katie Tupling, who is the new Chaplain among Deaf People and Disability Advisor for our Diocese, to lead us. We will also be welcoming our new curate, Chris Ashton. Look forward to seeing you there!

ETHICS GROUP After a long summer break we start meeting again on Thursday 19th at 8 pm in St John's Rooms. Subject to be announced next week. Despite the title this is not a frightening group! We usually listen to a short podcast and talk about some aspect of practical Christian living. Everyone is welcome. More information from John Wilson or Michael Wenham.

FACE2FACE Now called "Open Table" it has restarted after the summer. It meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7 to 9pm at Cornerstone. It was intended as an informal meeting for ecclesiophobes (i.e. people who have a fear or dislike of churches!). So if you are one or have a friend who is one, please come and invite them to join us. And if you would pray for our evenings, that would be great. More information from the Beckleys or the Wenhams.

ELVA CLARKE, who now lives in Faringdon, is no longer able to attend church here at St. John's as the accessible vehicle has gone. She sends all her friends lots of love. If you would like to visit her, the office has her details.

GROVE LECTERN BIBLE Terry is raising money to purchase a new lectern bible. He is selling plants to pay for this. If anyone would like to contribute, this would be most appreciated. It is likely to cost about £400. Donation tin in the church foyer.

SEPT HISTORIC BIKE RIDE this year's Ride and Stride is taking place on the 14th September. Riders and Church Welcomers needed. Please let Terry Mawdesley know if you are interested in either. Thank you.

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB We would love to welcome you to a new Connect Group: a book club, but where the book in question is part of the Bible. We plan to meet once a month to eat together, have an open discussion, and pray together. Meetings will be from 7pm to 9pm in Cornerstone (10 Savile Way, OX12 0PT). For the remainder of this year we will be reading Colossians, and meeting one Thursday a month: **26th September, 24th October, and 28th November**. All are welcome, but please let one of us know if you intend to come so that we can get the catering right! John Wilson and Sally Durant.

A BIG THANK YOU from Anna and James Mabbett for all the love, support, cards and gifts we received in the run up to our wedding. There is wedding cake in St John's Church Hall after the Sunday service as a thank you.

HARVEST SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S 22ND September - Food bank items needed. Drop off at church before or on the day. Thank you.

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENING Grove and Hanney Trefoil Guild invite you to a "Macmillan Fundraising Coffee Evening" on Wednesday 11th September (7.30pm - 9pm) in the St. John's rooms. Donations, cakes and raffle prizes would be welcome, and we look forward to you joining us. More information: Sue Catterall.

LITTLE PEOPLE urgently need dark grey girl's school skirts (size 16) and dark grey boy's school trousers (waist 36 inches). Also needed are home clothes for a 9 year old girl. Please contact Jacky Mattam on jackymattam@btinternet.com. Thank you.

WELCOME CHURCH VISITING MEETING 7th October 8.00pm – 9.00pm. St John's Church Rooms. Please come and join us if you are currently helping to visit houses or if you are interested in finding out more about it.

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 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	School Prayers, Grove CE School, School Hall Singing for the Brain, St John's Rooms 1st Grove Guides, St John's Hall Grove PCC meeting, St John's Rooms
Tue	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	GroW: "Stay & Play Group", St John's Hall Simply Singing Group, St John's Rooms Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney U3A Film Meeting, St John's Hall 2nd Grove Guides, St John's Hall Wed Chess Club, St John's Rooms
Wed	9.30am 1.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	St John's Toddlers group, St John's Hall Baby Massage Group, St John's Rooms Trefoil Guild Macmillan Fund Raising, St John's Rooms 20s and 30s Group Meeting Wantage Badminton Group, St John's Hall
Thu	9.30am 10.00am 1.00pm 5.30pm 8.00pm	Grove CE School Bible Giving Service Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow GroW: "Bumps & Babies, St John's Rooms 1st Grove Brownies, St John's Hall St John's Badminton Group, St John's Hall
Fri	7.00pm	Youth Club, St John's Hall
Sat	8.30am 12 noon	Breakfast Prayer Group, Cornerstone, Saville Way Blessing and Thanksgiving of Alice Moran, St John's
Sun	St John the Baptist, Grove 8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer Senior Youth Group Meeting, St John's Rooms
		St James the Great, West Hanney 9.30am Parish Eucharist
		St James the Great, Denchworth 10.00am Holy Communion 2.30pm Blessing & Thanksgiving of Isabella Paterson
		St Nicholas, East Challow 11.15am Parish Eucharist

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The health and healing of May Piggott, Stephen Meadows, Norah Johnson, Barbara Boulter, Ari, Annabel & Ophelia Psaras, Jim Triffitt, John Hudson, Derek Cousins, Roland Bustany, Oliver Baxe, Mikayla Beames, Steve West, Pam Tranter, Derrick Allen, Bev Rolls, Philip Coldwell, Jayne & Nick Davison, Stan Mills, Tom Gledhill, Jennifer Scott, Peter Rumsey, Janet Causer and Miss Betteridge.

Friends and Family mourning for Robert Muir, Roger Fray, Joan Myatt, Stephen Cretny and Vinny Vickers.

Those living at Faringdon Road and Field Gardens in East Challow; Ebbs Lane in East Hanney; Glebe Gardens, Peregrine Way and Pound Croft in Grove.