

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**The health and healing** of Sue Duff, Martin Walkley, May Piggott, June Hedges, Norah Johnson, Barbara Boulter, Derek Cousins, Roland Bustany, Mikayla Beames, Steve West, Pam Tranter, Derrick Allen, Bev Rolls, Philip Coldwell, Stan Mills, Peter Rumsey, Janet Causer, John Butter, Angela Handley, Khim Moss, Steven Meadows, Anthony Bowler, Linda Winter, Bob Bulpitt, Dick Douglas, Pam Blustin, Benita and Adrian Hiley, Graham Bates, Jenny and Colin Hooper, Jenny Dubenski, Ursula Geer and Mary Mawdesley.

**Friends and Family mourning** for Denis Parfoot, Owain Bristow, Jim Povey, Derrick Cousins and Leonard West.

**Those living at** Miles Drive, Hunters Close and Membury Way in Grove; Blenheim Orchard in East Hanney; Main Street in West Hanney; Grove CE School.

The following details are of excellent support groups set up in **Wantage & the Surrounding Area, and in Hanney.**

Please do share these details where appropriate and (of course) hygienic.

### Wantage & Surrounding Area Coronavirus Support Group:

The Ray Collins Charitable Trust, Wantage Council & Wantage Chamber of Commerce Group offering "Meals on Wheels", "Shopping Collections", "Prescriptions Collections". Phone 01235 260033 (9am – 7pm)

Email: [info@raycollinstrust.org](mailto:info@raycollinstrust.org)

### The Hanney Covid-19 Response Team:

A single point of contact for volunteers **and** those in need.

Updated Tel: 0808 123 0161 (free call) / Email: [hanneycovid19@gmail.com](mailto:hanneycovid19@gmail.com)

**Sponsored Walk, in aid of the Framland Pilgrim Home, Wantage**  
Meeting at 10:00am, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Buscot, Nr. Faringdon, OXON. SN7 8DA

A 5 mile circular walk partially along the Thames Path

Bring a picnic (to eat en-route)

Park at Buscot Weir car park  
OS Grid Ref 163 SU 231977  
Post code SN7 8DA

Sponsorship forms available from Dave Pepler via email - [dave.a.pepler@gmail.com](mailto:dave.a.pepler@gmail.com)  
Please note - Good walking shoes or boots recommended as the route crosses some uneven ground.  
Days to be kept on a lead and children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.  
All proceeds go towards the support of the Framland Pilgrim Home  
Pilgrims' Friend Society Registered Charity Number 242266

**NO OBSTACLE YOU FACE  
IS ANY MATCH FOR  
THE LORD**

Psalm 114:3-6

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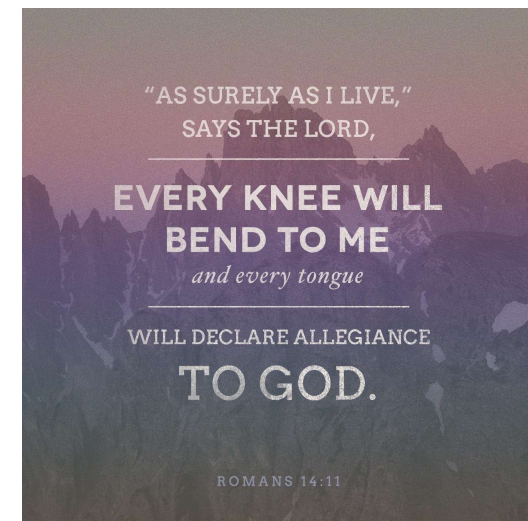
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# VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 14: 19-31 | Psalm 114 | Romans 14: 1-12 | Matthew 18: 21-35

Greetings, Church - wherever you are. We are all the body of Christ, that is His Church, not just when we "meet" on Sunday. Jesus is with us all the time till the end of time. That is such a reassuring and humbling truth, worth holding onto in the coming days.

This week our readings recall how God's presence with his people once rescued them from slavery and remind us of what should be now the marks of that people, i.e. us. That is, not criticising each other, but forgiving without limits.

### Our shared worship on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September:

11.15am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas E Challow

10am Zoom Service led by Rev Velma Oxley

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### 20<sup>th</sup> September

09.30am Parish Eucharist at Hanney  
10am Zoom service led by Sue Powditch.

Ordination of Chris Ashton at Dorchester.

4pm WGCP AGM on Zoom

6pm Holy Communion lead by Rev Chris Ashton

### 23<sup>rd</sup> September

7:30pm Wednesday -Zoom Evening Prayer with Bishop Colin

### 27<sup>th</sup> September

10am Holy Communion Service in Grove with live zoom.

**The zoom services will continue on Sundays at 10am.**

## BENEFICE NEWS

Churches have permission to open for private prayer as long as there is provision for the building to be constantly cleaned to be free from any risk of passing on infection.

### The details of our Benefice churches are as follows.

**St John the Baptist, Grove** – if you wish to use the church for private prayer, please contact one of the clergy who will arrange this to happen. In the meantime, for safety reasons and to allow for funerals to take place, the building will be closed.

**St James The Great, West Hanney** is open from 9am – 5pm. Please read the notice to ensure everyone is kept as safe as possible.

**St Nicholas, East Challow** is open between 9am and 5pm for private prayer. Please ensure you are free from infection.

**St James, Denchworth** is closed due to extensive re-plastering and decoration - sorry for any inconvenience. This will be monitored and reviewed as situations change. When Denchworth is ready we hope to have a celebration

At our **Grove PCC** we discussed how we could meet on Sundays and the use of our Halls, including should we heat the building when we are expected to open windows for ventilation as well as the Wednesday night zoom services. We are hoping that a lot of our groups including GroW will restart but are aware the restrictions make it very awkward. We heard about the Aviva Mission, received the Finance report and agreed to allow a Craft Fair in the middle of November – date to be announced.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ZOOM SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER** - There will be NO zoom Services on Wednesday evenings in September except for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept when the Bishop Colin will be with us on zoom for a Deanery Synod Evening Prayer.

**WEEKLY MIDWEEK SERVICES** continue at 10am on Tuesdays at W. Hanney Church and Thursdays at E. Challow Church.

**THE ORDINATION OF CHRIS ASHTON** takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> September at Dorchester.

**A 6pm HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE** on 20<sup>th</sup> September will be held in St John's Church when Chris will preside for the first time. If you wish to attend, please book a place by contacting the Benefice Office (and bring a sherry glass!)

**FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONT LINE** - if you wish to join us for this course on Wednesday nights ( 7.30pm on zoom) in October, please email John Durant [vicar@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:vicar@valebenefice.org.uk)

**WANTAGE AND GROVE STREET PASTORS** urgently require 2 Trustees, a new Chairman, A safeguarding Officer, and more volunteers – please pray for this important local ministry.

**CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CENTRE now open** (11am -2.30pm)! Not Fridays & Sundays. Please continue to pray for them. Updates on their website [www.cornerstonegrove.org.uk](http://www.cornerstonegrove.org.uk) and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/cornerstonecafeandgrove>. Thank you for your support.

**SEPT HISTORIC BIKE RIDE** 12th September. Please sponsor our Benefice Riders.

St John's Church, Grove (Riders): **Peter Rich, Terry Mawdesley and Val Smith,**

St Nicholas Church, East Challow (Riders) **Janet Parker,**

St James Church, West Hanney (Riders) **Sue Clark and Clive Fewins,** will be riding to raise money for our Benefice Churches & the Historic Churches Trust. Please contact; Terry Mawdesley (Grove), Hilary Hall (Hanney) or Janet Parker (Challow) by Friday if you wish to be a rider or help in the churches as a "Welcomer" - (contact details provided by the office).

Please do get in contact to sponsor our riders. Thanks.

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH ROTAS** If you were on a church rota before lockdown and would be happy to start again now that we are beginning to provide some physical services again, please contact the office to let us know. If you have not been on a rota before but would like to start helping please contact us. Thank you very much.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to; [prayer.requests@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer.requests@valebenefice.org.uk)

**DINE OUT at WINDMILL FARM** in Clanfield! All profits go to Christian youthwork charity Adventure Plus. Covid-19 Industry Standard "We're good to go" and 5\* EHO rating.

**Friday Curry Nights** every Friday. Served between 7pm – 8.30pm, with restaurant closing at 10pm. Tasty home cooked curry (spicy, mild or vegetarian options) with poppadums, dips, rice, nan bread & onion bhajis all for £12.95 per person. **Home cooked Sunday Carvery**

**Roasts** (with all the trimmings). Every Sunday. Served between 12.30pm – 2.30pm. Main course per head: £12.95 or £14.95 for main course and choice of dessert. Kids main course per head: £7.50 or £8.50 including ice cream dessert. **Using local, fresh ingredients & cooked by Head Chef & St John's Church parishioner Matthew Morgan.** Drinks can be paid for by card at the venue on the day. Online meal bookings only via "Mitingu". Search: [adventureplus.mitingu.com](http://adventureplus.mitingu.com) & choose on the day between chicken, beef, pork (or all 3) & Vegetarian option weekly. Plenty of parking. From next week, max 5 persons per table to keep in line with the latest government guidelines. We look forward to welcoming you.

**GROW COMMUNITY GROUP** Providing support for Wantage & Grove families with children under 5 & parents to be. Until we can resume meeting in person, please do join us remotely. **"Bumps & Babies at Home"** up to 12 months old – Get in touch to join our 'What's App chat' or our **'Zoom Video Calls'** on Mondays and Wednesdays 1.30pm - 2.15pm.

**"Toddler Time at home"** – Get in touch to join our **'Toddler Time Facebook Live'** sessions on Tuesdays at 10am for a fun packed 30 mins of songs, games & stories (or watch anytime from 'videos' section on Facebook page). Join our **'Toddler Time Zoom Session'** – on Thursdays at 10am for an Interactive 40 mins of songs, games & stories. **Booking Essential.** Email: [wantage.grove.babies@gmail.com](mailto:wantage.grove.babies@gmail.com), Facebook: [www.facebook.com/growfamilies](http://www.facebook.com/growfamilies), Telephone; 01235 376037. [www.facebook.com/growfamilies](http://www.facebook.com/growfamilies). We look forward to seeing you! Sessions are free but to donate, please get in touch or visit our Just Giving page. Thanks. [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/growfamilies?utm\\_term=z7QqGVPdW](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/growfamilies?utm_term=z7QqGVPdW)

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL** ensures children worldwide receive some joy this Christmas. Boxes/ leaflets available at the Benefice Churches from 13/09/20. Or email [jane.syme@virginmedia.com](mailto:jane.syme@virginmedia.com) to arrange boxes/leaflets drop off.

Alternatively, fill and pay for a shoe box on line at <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> Please deliver your filled shoeboxes by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov (latest). Thank you.

**ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY - FREE 24hr Telephone line. Tel: 0800 804 8044** – "The Daily Hope Service" allows people to hear hymns, music, prayers, reflection, words of comfort & full worship services from the Church of England.

**STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION** please save used postage stamps. Pop them through St John's Church letterbox / our letterbox; 8 Broadmarsh Close, Grove. Thanks.

**FOOD BANK** Thanks for your continued support. Suggested items needed: **Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate (made with water), Biscuits, Cereals, Tinned (Puddings, Pulses, Fish & Meat), Savoury Rice and Pasta.** Drop at Sainsbury's, Waitrose or 28, Warmans Close. Monetary donations accepted online with gift aid forms (from the treasurer). (Email: [wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com)) and donation cheques payable to "Wantage and Grove Foodbank". See New website on <https://www.wantageandgrovefoodbank.org.uk/> or on Facebook page where you can leave your comments and ideas. Many thanks.

**NEWSLETTER NOTICES** Please send notices to; [news@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:news@valebenefice.org.uk) by 10pm on a Wednesday. Only include personal information if you consent to it being included / published.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 72	1 Kings 1.5–31	Acts 10.34–end
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 76	1 Kings 1.32–2.4;2.10–12	Acts 11.1–18
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 80	1 Kings 3	Acts 11.19–end
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 87	1 Kings 4.29–5.12	Acts 12.1–17
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 91	1 Kings 6.1, 11–28	Acts 12.18–end
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 96	1 Kings 8.1–30	Acts 13.1–12