

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The health and healing of Sue Duff, Martin Walkley, May Piggott, June Hedges, Norah Johnson, Barbara Boulter, Roland Bustany, Mikayla Beames, Steve West, Pam Tranter, Derrick Allen, Bev Rolls, Philip Coldwell, Stan Mills, 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 Dubenski, and Ursula Geer.

Friends and Family mourning for Jim Povey, Derrick Cousins, Leonard West, Liz Morland, Colin Herman, Nora Vickers, Diana Smith, Ray Moss, Leslie Bunce, Joan Hermon and Grace Hopkins.

Those living at Barn Close & Rose Terrace in Denchworth; Winter Lane in West Hanney; and Boucher Close, White Horse Crescent & Brereton Drive in Grove.

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

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



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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER

JESUS REPLIED: "“LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.” THIS IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.””
MATTHEW 22:37-39

Sunday 25th October 2020

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 | Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17* | 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 | Matthew 22:34-46

This is the last Sunday after Trinity. In other words, the Church is gearing up for its new year in Advent. It's also known as Bible Sunday. Here's a good prayer for every day. "Lord God, through the written word and the spoken word, through your Holy Spirit, may we hear the Living Word, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen."

Our shared worship on Sunday 25th October:

Clocks go back!

- 9.30am - Parish Eucharist, St James the Great, West Hanney. Rev John Durant.
- 10am – Morning Worship with live zoom, St John the Baptist, Grove. Sue Powditch (LLM).
- 10am – Holy Communion, St James the Great, Denchworth. Rev Alec Gill.
- 11.15am – Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow. Rev Alec Gill.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 1st November
ALL SAINTS DAY

with opportunity to remember our loved ones

- 9.30am - Parish Eucharist, St James the Great, West Hanney. Rev Chris Ashton.
- 10am – Holy Communion with live zoom, St John the Baptist, Grove. Rev John Durant.
- 10am – Holy Communion, St James the Great, Denchworth. Rev Keith Triplow.
- 11.15am – Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow. Rev Chris Ashton.

BENEFICE NEWS

Churches have permission to open for private prayer provided there is provision for buildings 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. Please do not attend with any symptoms.

St Nicholas, East Challow is open between 9am and 5pm for private prayer. Please do not attend with any symptoms.

St James, Denchworth the re-plastering and decoration at St James, Denchworth has been completed and is now looking wonderful. If you wish to visit the church, please contact one of the clergy or the Parish office - sorry for inconvenience. Please do not attend with any symptoms. When the restrictions are over, we intend to have a village celebration.

WEEKLY MIDWEEK SERVICES (10am) on Tuesdays at W. Hanney & Thursdays at E. Challow. Also, on the first Wednesday of the month at St John's (10am).

FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONT LINE - Wednesday nights (7.30pm) on Zoom.

CONFIRMATION The Bishop of Oxford Pt Rev Steven Croft will be coming on 6th December to St Nicholas to lead our patronal festival with a confirmation – if any one would like to be confirmed in their Christian faith do please contact one of the clergy.

APCM St John's APCM - Saturday 14th November (7pm) in the Church Hall **AND** on ZOOM.

GROVE ELECTORAL ROLL for anyone who wishes to join the Electoral Role for the 1st time or for anyone who needs to amend their details, please contact Chris Gray for a form. Everyone who completed a form last year is already listed.

CORNERSTONE BOARD – We were very sorry to lose John Wilson as a member of the Board after representing St John's for many years. We are very grateful for all that he has done for the Cornerstone. The PCC have appointed Sue Parnell to take up this role alongside our other two representatives Colin Moulds and Peter Greenhalgh. Please pray for them and all the Board members over the coming months.

CORNERSTONE VOUCHERS are a great idea for Christmas Gifts. Visit us to find out more.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CENTRE Open (10am -2.30pm) Mondays – Thursdays and Saturdays. Please continue to pray. Thank you for your support. Updates on the website www.cornerstonegrove.org.uk and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cornerstonegrove).

PRE-CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE (Sat 7th Nov) Instead of an Advent Fayre this year, Emma & Sue will be selling various craft items that would make good Christmas presents, Advent Calendars & Christmas cards on Saturday 7th November (11am - 2pm) in the Lower St John's Room. Usual Covid-19 rules apply; (only 6 people at a time in the room with us; face masks must be worn and hands sanitised). This is a benefice only event and is not being publicly advertised but you can bring a friend. All proceeds are for St John's church.

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER Sue and Emma need some volunteer stewards, please, to ensure social distancing etc. at the Craft Sale. Please contact Sue either by email sue.powditch@outlook.com or phone 01235 768141 if you would be willing to help. Thanks.

BBC RADIO OXFORD (Listen Again) Hear last Sunday's "Faith Place" with Hedley Feast & Rev John Durant on BBC iPlayer, click "Radio", click "Oxford", click "schedule", click "Sunday 18th October", click "6am". You will hear it within the first 20-30 mins.

LITTLE PEOPLE have started collecting Christmas Presents (toys, games, vouchers, gifts) for children up to 18yrs old in the local area. Please contact the Benefice Office to donate or find out more. Thank you.

LITTLE PEOPLE need "warm winter" clothes & school uniform (black/grey trousers, pinafores, skirts & white polo shirts) for 3-7yr old boys & 5-14-year-old girls and **warm clothes** for 14-18yr old girls. Also, 2 sets of bunk beds in good, safe condition and a microwave. Please contact Jacky Mattam jackymattam@btinternet.com or Andrea in the Benefice Office 771479. Thank you.

FOOD BANK Thank you all for your continued support. Non perishable / in-date food items still required. Drop at Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Cornerstone in Grove or 28, Warmans Close.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL Just 3 weeks left to ensure children worldwide receive some joy this Christmas. Boxes / leaflets available at St Johns Church or by contacting Jane.syme@virginmedia.com or fill and pay for a shoe box on line at <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> Please deliver filled shoeboxes to St John's Church, Grove or The Kings Centre, Wantage, by **Sun 15th November**.

MAGICBREAKFAST BILL Schools would be given approx. £40,000 per year per 700 children in funding to provide children at risk of hunger a free and nutritious breakfast every school day. 1.8 million children across the country will benefit. Please support this campaign with donations/support for the bill. Details <https://www.magicbreakfast.com/school-breakfast-bill>.

CHRISTIAN AID Members of Wantage and Grove Christian Aid Committee took part in a sponsored walk recently. If you would like to make a donation please visit this JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sheenagh-Dernie1> or give a donation to Angela and Peter Rich who were also walking. Thank you.

CHARITY JOB VACANCY - The international children's charity Viva is seeking a Junior Systems Developer to increase the impact of its already highly effective work with vulnerable children. Demonstrable experience in application development is essential along with strong problem-solving and communication skills and an eye for detail. The role is full-time, for an initial three months, and based at Viva's Oxford office or from home. The application deadline is Monday 2 November and you can find out more and apply at <http://www.viva.org/jobs>

COMMUNITY OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN QUIET DAY - Open to All. Free Downloadable retreat throughout the Deanery. Conducted by Angela Butler, priest & Associate of the Convent. Details are listed on the Community Website. <https://csmv.co.uk/events/betwixt-st-francis-and-st-luke-taking-healing-lessons-from-creation/> This link will be open for downloading from 16th to 31st October 2020.

WANTAGE AND GROVE STREET PASTORS please pray for this important local ministry.

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. Weekly Friday Eve Curries & Sunday Lunches. Online meal bookings only via "Mitingu". Search: adventureplus.mitingu.com. Vegetarian & Gluten free options. Free Parking. Max 6 per table.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH ROTAS Please email the benefice office with your "absences" (dates you do not want to be rotered) for November & December 2020. Many thanks for all you are doing to help office@valebenefice.org.uk

PRAYER REQUESTS If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to; prayer.requests@valebenefice.org.uk

NEWSLETTER NOTICES Please send notices to; 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

Mon	Psalm 71	2 Kings 21.1–18	Philippians 1.1–11
Tue	Psalm 73	2 Kings 22.1–23.3	Philippians 1.12–end
Wed	Psalm 77	2 Kings 23.4–25	Philippians 2.1–13
Thu	Psalm 78.1-39*	2 Kings 23.36–24.17	Philippians 2.14–end
Fri	Psalm 55	2 Kings 24.18–25.12	Philippians 3.1–4.1
Sat	Psalm 76	2 Kings 25.22–end	Philippians 4.2–end