

NEWSLETTER 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The health and healing of Sue Duff, Martin Walkley, May Piggott, June Hedges, Norah Johnson, Barbara Boulter, Mikayla Beames, Steve West, Pam Tranter, Derrick Allen, Bev Rolls, Philip Coldwell, Janet Causer, John Butter, Linda Winter, Angela Handley, Khim Moss, Steven Meadows, Anthony Bowler, Bob Bulpitt, Dick Douglas, Pam Blustin, Benita and Adrian Hiley, Jenny Dubenski, Ursula Geer, Graham Bates, Ron Stovold and Lucy MacDonald

Friends and Family mourning for Joan Hermon, Grace Hopkins, Maurice Sworn, Roland Bustany, Reg Horsell, Kenneth Blatch, Stan Mills and Ian Campbell.

Those living at School Road in West Hanney; St James' School in East Hanney; Tubbs Close, Cherbury Green, Cherry Tree Close in Grove; High View in East Challow.

The safe return of Christa's niece Cookie to her family in India – missing since last week.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 44	Isaiah 30.1–18	Isaiah 45.14–end
Tue	Psalm 56	Isaiah 30.19–end	Isaiah 46
Wed	Psalm 62	Isaiah 31	Isaiah 47
Thu	Psalm 54	Isaiah 32	Isaiah 48.1–11
Fri	Psalm 86	Isaiah 33.1–22	Isaiah 48.12–end
Sat	Psalm 145	Isaiah 35	Isaiah 49.1–13



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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Sunday 6th December 2020

The Second Sunday of Advent – St Nicholas Patronal Festival

Isaiah 40: 1-11 | Psalm 85: 1-2,8-13* | 2 Peter 3: 8-15a | Mark 1: 1-8

Performances of “Messiah” by Handel used to be traditional at this time of year. Its opening words “Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people” come from our first reading. The prophet looks forward to the people returning from exile to their home in Judea; he probably didn’t see how the Messiah Jesus would lead an even greater homecoming “like a shepherd”, a global homecoming. In Jesus’ words, “I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

Our shared worship on Sunday 6th December:

9am Traditional Service on Zoom

10am – Zoom Service – Rev John Durant and Sue Powditch

10am – Sunday Club at St John’s Grove, Rev Alec Gill and Rev Chris Ashton

11.15am – Patronal and confirmation at St Nicholas, East Challow, Rt Rev Steven Croft, The Bishop of Oxford* (seating is limited – please inform the Office if you wish to attend)

8pm – Compline on Zoom

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 13th December

9am – Traditional Service on Zoom

9.30am – Parish Eucharist, W.Hanney

10am – Morning Worship on Zoom

10am – Holy Communion, Denchworth

4pm – Christingle Service outside, Grove

8pm – Compline on Zoom

Wednesdays 7:30pm on Zoom - Fruitfulness on the Frontline Course.

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. Please do not attend with any symptoms.

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.

St James The Great, West Hanney is open during the hours of daylight.

St Nicholas, East Challow is open for private prayer during daylight hours.

St James, Denchworth if you wish to use the church for private prayer, please contact one of the clergy who will arrange this to happen.

Services in December:

Thursday 10th Eucharist, E. Challow

Sunday 13th Services

9am Traditional Service on Zoom

9.30am Parish Eucharist, W.Hanney

10am Morning Worship on Zoom

10am Holy Communion, Denchworth

8pm Compline on Zoom

Tuesday 15th Eucharist, W.Hanney

Thursday 17th Eucharist, E.Challow

Sunday 20th Services

8am Holy Communion, Grove

9am Traditional Service on Zoom

10am Morning Worship on Zoom

4.30pm Outside Carol Event, Hanney War

Memorial Hall

8pm Compline on Zoom

Christmas Eve

Crib Event (TBC)

11:30pm Midnight Communion at E. Challow,

Grove and W. Hanney

Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion, Denchworth

10.30am Christmas Communion on Zoom

Sunday 27th Services

10am Morning Worship, Grove

10am Holy Communion, Denchworth

At **Hanney PCC** we confirmed the appointment of Hilary Hall as Secretary and Richard Oxley as treasurer and approved the Parish Safeguarding Policy, we agreed to set up a Worship Sub-committee to consider the Pattern of our services, were pleased to accept the Car Parking improvement proposal outside the church, clarified some concerns about the churchyard, discussed our Services in December, received reports on Finance, St James school and agreed to look at our subcommittees in a future PCC.

PRAYER REQUESTS If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to;

prayer.requests@valebenefice.org.uk

BENEFICE SERVICES ON ZOOM: [Log in details/links](#)

- Sunday 9am Services have a specific link/details to log in.
- Sunday 10am Services, 8pm Compline and Wednesday 7.30pm Evening Prayer Services all share a specific link/details to log in.
- Fruitfulness on the Frontline Prayer Course (Wednesdays 7.30pm) has it's own specific separate link/details to log in.

The Office emails out the log in links/details before the services, but if you are new to any of them, contact the office, so we can put you on the distribution list to receive them. Thank you.

TRADITIONAL SERVICES on Zoom (9am) on Sunday 13th and 20th December Please contact the office for the link if you wish to join this service.

VOLUNTEERS for Church Christmas Events Please join us on 6th December (2pm) on Zoom, to discuss and plan Grove Christmas Events. Lots of volunteers needed. Please contact Andrea in the Benefice Office for the link/details. If you are interested but cannot attend the meeting that date, please still let us know. Thank you for your support.

FUND RAISING for St John's: VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR GALLERY Beautiful handmade craft items by Sue & Emma Powditch. Contact sue.powditch@outlook.com to organise a purchase. <http://www.groveparishchurch.org.uk/welcome-to-craft-for-st-johns/>

THANK YOU - a huge thank you to Sue and Emma Powditch for all the work they put into their 'virtual' craft sale which to date has raised £350 for St John's church funds.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL You can still contribute! Empty shoeboxes available from the Benefice Office or pack a box online. Please leave filled boxes at the Benefice Office (**before 9th Dec**) or outside 16, Barbury Drive, or 14, Laurel Cres, Grove (**before 10th Dec**). Thank you for all your support.

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

CORNERSTONE NEWS - we are now open again Monday-Friday 9.30am-2.30pm and Saturday 10am-2.30pm. We have our festive menu available alongside our normal menus. We still have plenty of Christmas cards, calendars and items suitable for gifts, including new designs in our ever-popular sock range, so do come along and support us.

CORNERSTONE VOLUNTEERS We hope to go back to shorter shifts for December and certainly 10-12 & 12-2pm will be as usual, but the afternoon may be 2-3pm rather than 2-4pm. If you are able to volunteer for any shifts, please let us know office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk

USED STAMPS for Denchworth Church Please collect old stamps this Year and leave with the Benefice Office. Stamps that are left on envelopes sometimes raise more money! Thanks.

USED STAMPS for the Leprosy Mission Please leave at Ben office for Peter Rich. Thanks.

LITTLE PEOPLE Warm winter clothes/coats needed for boys age 9-10 and girl age 6-7yrs. Winter shoes needed for boy's shoe size 12 and girls shoe size 10. Warm coat and clothes needed for a woman, size 16, Please contact the Benefice Office to donate or find out more.

LITTLE PEOPLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS Little People are collecting Christmas Presents (toys, games, vouchers, gifts) for children up to 18yrs old in the local area. We do need toys, although at present we have sufficient 'pre-loved' toys and would like to provide some Christmas packs with un-used/new toys if possible. We cannot take in any more cuddly toys at present. Thank you so much for all the **generous donations** we have received so far! Please contact the Benefice Office to donate or enquire. Thanks for your continued support.

LOOKING FOR AN UNUSUAL CHARITY CHRISTMAS GIFT? This little poetry book by Hanney writer and journalist Clive Fewins reflects one man's day-by-day view of the unique times we have lived through this year through some 100 poems. This small, not-for-profit hard-back, with around 26 illustrations by former local artist Stuart Roper, and is available NOW for £12 with at least £5 of every copy sold going to NHS Charities Together Covid-19 Appeal (and much more than that if all 500 first editions sell quickly). To reserve your copy, contact judy@piepowder.co.uk or clive@clivefewins.co.uk Or collect a copy and pay at Cornerstone Coffee/Book Shop, Grove OR from the Benefice Office, St John's Church, Grove.

ST NICHOLAS C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL (East Challow): are looking for a permanent Teaching Assistant **AND** A temporary Nursery Teaching Assistant with Level 2 Qualification. Both positions to start in Jan 2021. Apply to office@challowce.org **before 7th December**.

BADMINTON POSTS for Sale from Grove CE School. Listed on eBay for £100 <https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/233786375443> but if you contact the School office directly, it may secure you a cheaper deal for a local/quick sale.