

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, Ian Campbell and Connie Jeffery.

Those living at The Croft in West Hanney; Blenheim Orchard in East Hanney; The Maples, Churchward Close and The Kestrals in Grove; Vicarage Hill in East Challow.

The safe return of Christa's niece Cookie to her family in India.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 40	Isaiah 38. 1–8, 21–22	Isaiah 49.14–25
Tue	Psalm 70	Isaiah 38. 9–20	Isaiah 50
Wed	Psalm 75	Isaiah 39	Isaiah 51.1–8
Thu	Psalm 76	Zephaniah 1.1–2.3	Isaiah 51.9–16
Fri	Psalm 98	Zephaniah 3.1–13	Isaiah 51.17–end
Sat	Psalm 71	Zephaniah 3.14–end	Isaiah 52.1–12



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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Sunday 13th December 2020 The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 | Psalm 126 | 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 | John 1: 6-8, 19-28

This year the theme the Church of England chose for the weeks before Christmas is Comfort and Joy. Today's sometimes called Gaudete Sunday, i.e., Rejoice Sunday. While Advent is generally a time for looking back at where we've gone wrong, today we change gear and listen to John bursting with excitement about the person he's about to introduce to the world - no less than the Lord God himself who "will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations." At the same time let's pray for all in the world in tears that God will also turn their weeping into shouts of joy. "Lord, make us instruments of your peace."

Our shared worship on 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

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 20th December

- 8am Holy Communion, Grove
- 4.30pm Outside Carol Event, Hanney War Memorial Hall
- 6pm St John's Carol Service in church (also on zoom)
- 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:

Attendance at ALL services or events in the Benefice Churches, must be prebooked via the Benefice office.

Tuesday 15th Eucharist, W.Hanney

Thursday 17th Eucharist, E.Challow

Sunday 20th Services

8am Holy Communion, Grove

10am Challow Carol event

4.30pm Outside Carol Event, Hanney War

Memorial Hall

6pm Carol Service at St John's and via zoom

8pm Compline on Zoom

Christmas Eve

Between 4pm – 6pm Christmas Trail

St John's Church – **please contact Office to book your time slot.**

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 (No Zoom).

10am Holy Communion, Denchworth

DENCHWORTH PCC At our Denchworth PCC we met together for Daily Prayer, discussed our arrangements to be Covid secure while we welcome people to our Christmas Day Service, received the financial report and heard about the mystery of being overcharged for our electricity.

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 its 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.

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION with Carols, will be held in St John's Church Hall on FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER at 2.00pm. Please wear face masks and contact Peter and Angela Rich if you would like to attend.

CAROL SINGING in Wellington Gate (New Homes) – meeting at the Sales Office 6.30pm. We hope to go out THURSDAY 17th & FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER. Please contact Peter and Angela Rich (411315) if you are able to join us. We would like to give out mince pies and wrapped sweets at the doors. Please let us know if you can provide either of these, as there are rules that we must abide by!

DISTRIBUTING FLYERS. If you are willing to help distribute these next week– which will include information about the Christmas Services, please contact Peter or Angela.

MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE donations gratefully received at the Benefice Office for after service “take aways” on 20th Dec (Carol Service) & 24th Dec (“Christmas Trail”) at St John's.

FLOWER DONATIONS If you would like to donate money for flowers for your church in memory of a loved one, please contact your flower team or the Benefice Office. Donations in the post box at St John's. Thank you to our wonderful flower teams for all they do.

FUND RAISING for St John's: VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR GALLERY Thank you to Sue and Emma Powditch for all the work they put into their 'virtual' craft sale which to date has raised over £350 for St John's church funds. **There are still some items left** on the virtual craft sale by Sue & Emma Powditch. Contact sue.powditch@outlook.com to organise a purchase. <http://www.groveparishchurch.org.uk/welcome-to-craft-for-st-johns/>

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

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL Thank you all so much for supporting this appeal every year. We have collected 110 filled boxes this week to take to the collection centers. Many people have also donated and packed shoeboxes “virtually” on-line! We are so grateful for your generosity, knowing that they will spread happiness worldwide.

WANTAGE & GROVE FOOD BANK Thank you for all your generous donations.

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 still collecting Christmas Presents (toys, games, vouchers, gifts, books in good condition) for children up to 18yrs old in the local area. No cuddly toys please. Thank you for all the **generous donations** we have received so far! Please contact the Benefice Office to donate or enquire.

MEMORIAL GARDEN Please note any flowers or ornaments left in and around the memorial Garden will be removed in January. Please collect them before if you wish to keep them.

ST NICHOLAS C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL (East Challow): are looking for;

- A before & after school Supervisor with Level 3 qualification (Grade 6).
- A permanent Teaching Assistant (Grade 4).
- A temporary Nursery Teaching Assistant with Level 2 Qualification (Grade 4).

Positions to start in 2021. Apply to office@challowce.org before 20th January 2021.

LOOKING FOR AN UNUSUAL CHARITY CHRISTMAS GIFT? This little poetry book by Hanney writer and journalist Clive Fewins reflects times we have lived through this year. Available NOW for £12 with at least £5 of every copy sold going to NHS Charities Together Covid-19 Appeal. Contact judy@piepowder.co.uk or clive@clivefewins.co.uk at Cornerstone Coffee/Book Shop OR from the Benefice Office.

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

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

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.