



# VALE BENEFICE

## NEWSLETTER

### Christmas and New Year



#### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 121	Malachi 1.1, 6–end	Isaiah 52.13–end of 53
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 124	Malachi 2.1–16	Isaiah 54
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 130	Malachi 2.17–3.12	Isaiah 55
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 45	Malachi 3.13–end of 4	Isaiah 56.1–8
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 110	CHRISTMAS DAY	CHRISTMAS DAY
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 13	Nahum 1	Isaiah 63.1–6
<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 21	Obadiah	Isaiah 58
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 36	Jonah 1	Isaiah 57.15–end
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 19	Jonah 2	Isaiah 59.1–15a
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 113	Jonah 3–4	Isaiah 59.15b–end
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 102	NEW YEARS DAY	NEW YEARS DAY
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 103	Ruth 1	Isaiah 60.1–12

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There is a carol that starts, “There’ll be a new world beginning from tonight.” That’s what Mary realised after she’d said “Yes” to the angel. Her son was going to be a successor to King David, but his kingdom would have no end and it would be different. It would be one where the powerful are brought down and the lowly are raised; where the rich go away empty and the hungry are fed. Mary’s “yes” cost her dearly. Let’s celebrate Christmas, and with Mary say, “Yes, let your kingdom come in me - whatever the cost.” May you know peace and joy this Christmas season. Jesus the King has come!

#### Services from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

##### Sunday 20th December

8am - Holy Communion at Grove.  
4:30pm - Carol Service (outside) at Hanney War Memorial Hall.  
6pm - Carol Service at Grove and available on zoom.  
8pm - Compline on zoom.

10:30am - Christmas Communion Service ON ZOOM only.

##### Sunday 27th December

10am - Morning Worship at Grove  
10am - Holy Communion, Denchworth  
No Zoom Services.

##### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

9:30am - Parish Eucharist, Hanney  
10am - Holy Communion at Grove with zoom.  
10am Holy Communion, Denchworth  
11:15am Parish Eucharist E Challow

##### Christmas Eve

4 – 6pm “Christmas Trail at St John’s Church.  
11:30pm Midnight Communion at Hanney, Challow and Grove.

##### Christmas Day

9:30am - Holy Communion, Denchworth  
9:30am - Christmas Morning Worship, outside, Hanney.

##### Midweek services recommence:

January 6<sup>th</sup>  
7.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom.

**Attendance at ALL services or events in the Benefice Churches now and into the New Year must be pre-booked via the Benefice office.**

**Thank you.**

**Any Services you wish to attend up to and including 3<sup>rd</sup> January must be booked by 12 noon on 23.12.2020 as the Benefice office will be shut for Christmas after this.**

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.

**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.

**THE ST JOHN'S CHURCH CAR PARK GATES WILL BE LOCKED from 4pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to 4pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December.**

**BENEFICE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** from Christmas Eve till Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE DONATIONS** gratefully received at the Benefice Office for after the service "take-aways" on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec (Carol Service) & 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please pop any 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 £410 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](mailto: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 still have plenty of Christmas cards and calendars as well as many items suitable as gifts – see more on our Facebook page. Please note we shall be closed from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January inclusive, re-opening on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us during this difficult year.

**LITTLE PEOPLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS** A massive "Thank You" from Little People for all your **generous Christmas donations** and your ongoing support throughout the year.

**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.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOXES** as of 9.30am Friday 148 shoe boxes have been received for Samaritan's Purse. A really encouraging response. In addition, 3 online boxes were funded giving a grand total of 151 boxes. (25 boxes were collected from St John's & a further 7 from Jane Syme).

**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.

**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](mailto:judy@piepowder.co.uk) or [clive@clivefewins.co.uk](mailto:clive@clivefewins.co.uk) at Cornerstone Coffee/Book Shop OR from the Benefice Office.

**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 the Benefice Office for Peter Rich. Thanks.

**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](mailto:office@challowce.org) before 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**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](mailto:prayer.requests@valebenefice.org.uk)

**NEWSLETTER** 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.

For unto us  
a child  
is born.  
To us  
a son is given  
Isaiah 9:6

**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** Halls Lane in East Hanney; Colinsmith Drive, Teal Close, and Collett Way in Grove; W&G Estate and Old School Lane in East Challow.

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