

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The health and healing of Sheila Stonehouse, Sue Duff, Martin Walkley, May Piggott, June Hedges, Nora 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, Cookie, Lucy MacDonald and Hendrick Mahlangu.

Friends and Family mourning for Jean Fielden and Katherine Sutton Ring.

Those living at Ashfield Road in East Hanney; De Vitre Place, Station Road and Denchworth Road in Grove; Reynolds Way and Sarajac Avenue in East Challow.

For our teachers, school staff & those juggling teaching & working from home.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 108	Genesis 11.27–12.9	Matthew 26.1–16
Tue	Psalm 36	Genesis 13.2–end	Matthew 26.17–35
Wed	Psalm 46	Genesis 14	Matthew 26.36–46
Thu	Psalm 47	Genesis 15	Matthew 26.47–56
Fri	Psalm 65	Genesis 16	Matthew 26.57–end
Sat	Psalm 68	Genesis 17.1–22	Matthew 27.1–10

HOW HAPPY ARE THOSE
WHO FEAR THE LORD-ALL WHO FOLLOW HIS WAYS.
YOU WILL ENJOY THE FRUIT OF YOUR LABOR.
HOW HAPPY YOU WILL BE,
HOW RICH YOUR LIFE.
YOUR WIFE WILL BE LIKE A FRUITFUL VINE,
FLOURISHING WITHIN YOUR HOME.
AND LOOK AT ALL THOSE CHILDREN!
THEY SIT AROUND YOUR TABLE AS VIGOROUS
& HEALTHY AS YOUNG OLIVE TREES.
THAT IS THE LORD'S REWARD
FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.
MAY THE LORD CONTINUALLY BLESS YOU FROM ZION.
MAY YOU SEE JERUSALEM PROSPER AS LONG AS YOU LIVE.
MAY YOU LIVE TO ENJOY YOUR
GRANDCHILDREN & MAY ISRAEL HAVE
QUIETNESS & PEACE.

Psalm 128

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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Sunday 24th January 2021 The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Genesis 14: 17-20 | Psalm 128 | Revelation 19: 6-10 | John 2:1-11

“Count your blessings,” easier said than done at present! Today’s readings are all about blessing. In the understanding of their day, they present us with different pictures of the way God blesses us. For Abram it’s protection; for the psalm-writer it’s family life; for John, the persecuted writer of Revelation, it’s the promise of future joy in God’s presence for ever. In the wedding at Cana, we see how Jesus’ presence now transforms our poor perplexed human lives into ones overflowing with richness and meaning. That’s His nature, His glory - which He can bring to us if we ask Him. Bless Him.

Our shared worship Sunday 24th January

9am – Zoom Traditional Service – Rev Velma Oxley & Rev Chris Ashton
10am – Zoom Morning Worship Service – Rev Velma Oxley & Rev John Durant

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 27th January

7.30pm – Zoom Evening Prayer Service – Rev Chris Ashton

Sunday 31st January

9am – Zoom Traditional Service
10am – Zoom Holy Communion Service
11am – Zoom Family Service - Rev Alec Gill & Rev Chris Ashton

There will be no physical Sunday Services in the Benefice in January, however, this will be reviewed in early February. Thank you all for your patience & understanding.

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE *is closed to visitors, but we will still respond to phone calls and emails. Please leave a message and we will respond as soon as possible.*

BENEFICE SERVICES ON ZOOM: Log in details/links

Sunday 9am Services need a specific link/details to log in.

Sunday 10am Services & **Wednesday 7.30pm** Evening Prayer Services share a specific link/details to log in.

Sunday 11am Family Services require a specific separate link to log in.

The Office emails out the links/details before the services. If you are new to any of them and wish to have the details to log in, contact the Benefice Office, so we can put you on the distribution list to receive them. office@valebenefice.org.uk

At our **Challow PCC** we agreed to ratify the suspension of our live services and to review this on 2nd Feb; heard a positive report that the school are hoping to build an extension to create more space and expand in the future; thanked Juliet for restoring the priest's kneeler; heard we required an organiser for the distribution of Challow News as well as someone to look after the fabric; learnt that Geoff has offered to produce a welcome leaflet; that there was nothing to report on safeguarding; received the positive finance report; learnt that most of the electrical work has been carried out and said a BIG thank you to Sue and Clive for all that they have done at St Nicholas.

PRAYER WEEK FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Wantage and Grove Church Partnership organised a week of online meetings for the week of prayer for "**Christian Unity**" (every evening from 18th – 25th January at 8pm). If you would like to join the last few and need the link/details to log on to this, please contact the Benefice Office and we will email it to you.

11AM FAMILY ZOOM SERVICE – This will be on Zoom again on Sunday 31st January. If you need the details/link, please let Andrea know in the Benefice Office. office@valebenefice.org.uk

WEST HANNEY PARISH COUNCIL ask you to please note "works" will commence outside St James the Great church, West Hanney, **from Wednesday 10th February for about one week**. Please do not park there during these works, as your vehicle may be damaged whilst works are in progress. Alternative Car parking is available at The Plough car park adjacent. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

MARMALADE FOR SALE: Bitter or sweet (please specify) £2 a jar. Proceeds to **Christian Aid**. Please contact Juliet at the office. 01235 [771479](tel:771479)/office@valebenefice.org.uk

ST JOHN'S CHURCH CRAFTS FUNDRAISING - Sue and Emma have updated the Crafts for St Johns on the church website. Please pay it a visit and have a look at what's on offer. More items will follow in due course.

<http://www.groveparishchurch.org.uk/2020/11/craft-sale/>

GROVE TREASURE TRAIL can be done while you get your daily exercise! Bring pen and paper & a map of roads in Grove if you need it. Then **WRITE DOWN THE LETTERS DISPLAYED IN THE WINDOWS OF 15 HOMES IN GROVE**, starting at 3 Bridge Farm Close & ending at 8 Broadmarsh Close. At the end of the Trail, you will be offered a prize suitable for adults or children. The Treasure Trail will be open until the end of January, so happy hunting.

CORNERSTONE NEWS As you know we are unfortunately closed at the moment, but emails are being monitored on a weekly basis (office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk). You can also keep up to date via our Facebook page; www.facebook.com/pages/Cornerstone-Christian-Centre-Grove/125696620782712 Please do continue to pray for Sarah and the staff while they are on furlough.

THE MIX@CORNERSTONE In an exciting new initiative we have become a satellite hub for The Mix Community Fridge. This will be every Thursday from 2-3pm, providing bags of good, surplus food to help reduce food waste.

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

LITTLE PEOPLE Does anyone have a washer? The family needing one are spending about £15 trying to get laundry done. They live in a flat, so space for laundry is limited. They have a small child. Please let the church office know if you can help. Many thanks for all your support. Jacky. jackymattam@btinternet.com

WANTED An organised person to act as Clerk to the Trustees of the Robert Stiles Almshouse in Wantage. Approximate time commitment of a day a month with an Honorarium of £1,500 pa. Knowledge of bookkeeping and computer skills a requirement. Apply with cv to stephendexter@btinternet.com Closing date 31.1.2021.

USED STAMPS for Denchworth Church Please don't throw away old/used stamps! Please leave with the Benefice Office to help raise money for Denchworth church. Stamps that are left on envelopes sometimes raise more money! Thank you.

USED STAMPS for the Leprosy Mission Please leave at Benefice Office for Peter Rich. Used stamps can help transform the life of someone affected by leprosy.

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.