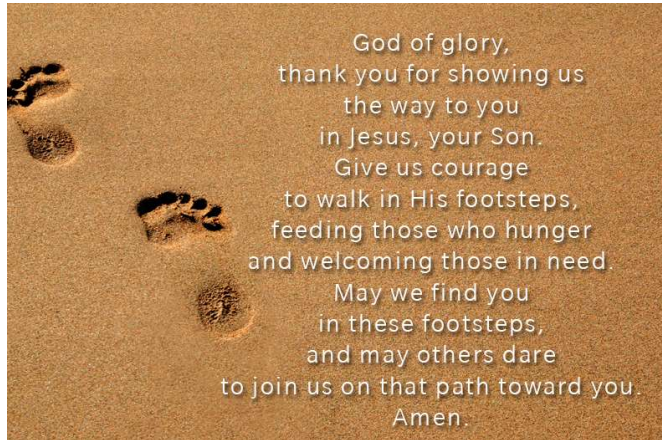


PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Friends and Family mourning for Margaret Ireson, Denise Sawyer, John Sherrell, John Lindon, Katy Sutton-Ring, June Bunce, Ron Watkins, Jill Straiton, Pam Lidsey and Martin Walkley.

Those living at Rose Terrace in Denchworth, The Causeway and Hall Lane in East Hanney; Old Mill Close, Grovelands Court and North Drive in Grove.



**“ALTHOUGH
HE WAS A
SON,
HE LEARNED
OBEDIENCE
THROUGH WHAT
HE SUFFERED.”**
Hebrews 5:8

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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Sunday 21st March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 | Hebrews 5: 5-10 | John 12: 20-33

Sometimes known as Passion Sunday, today our readings mark turning points. In particular St John relates when Jesus announces “his hour” has finally arrived. Now he is heading towards his death and resurrection because of God’s love for Greeks as well as Jews, in other words the whole world. His obedience leads him to the cross. And he throws out this challenge to us, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.” Our faithfulness to him as far as death will bear much fruit and glorify God as he himself did.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 21st March

8am – Holy Communion Service in St John’s Church* – Rev Chris Ashton

10am – Benefice Zoom Holy Communion Service – Rev J Durant & Rev C Ashton

Upcoming Services

Wednesday 24th March

7.30pm – Zoom Lent Course ‘The Bible Course’ (designed by the Bible Society)
with Rev Chris Ashton

Sunday 28th March - PALM SUNDAY - (clocks go forward)

9.30am St James the Great, W Hanney, Outside Service* – Rev Geoff Maughan

10am – Benefice Zoom Morning Service – Rev John Durant

11.am – Family Zoom Service – Rev Alec Gill and Rev Chris Ashton

11.15am St Nicholas, East Challow, Parish Eucharist* – Rev John Durant

6pm St John’s, Grove, Evening Prayer* – Rev Chris Ashton

***If you wish to attend physical services please ‘book’ with the Benefice Office**

BENEFICE NEWS

Churches have permission to open for private prayer, provided they can be cleaned, and free of any risk of passing on infection. Please do not attend with any symptoms.

The details of our Benefice churches for private prayer are as follows.

St John the Baptist, Grove please contact one of the clergy to arrange.

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

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

St James, Denchworth please contact one of the clergy to arrange.

THE CHURCH OFFICE please continue to [email](#) or [telephone](#) the Benefice Office for any enquiries. We will respond to any messages as soon as possible. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

ZOOM SERVICES:

7.30pm on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Maundy Thursday evenings.

11am on Good Friday.

10am on Easter Sunday (zoomed from St John's Church).

SERVICES IN CHURCH

2 – 4pm EASTER TRAIL at St John's, Grove on Good Friday. (pre-booking only).

If you wish to attend physical services, please 'book' with the Benefice Office.

Easter Day:

Hanney 9.30am - Outside Service.

Grove 10am - Holy Communion (which will be zoomed).

Denchworth 10am - Holy Communion.

E Challow 11.15am - Parish Eucharist.

LENT COURSE "THE BIBLE COURSE" Continuing on Zoom on Wednesday evenings. Please contact the Office or Chris Ashton if you would like to join or to know more.

FAMILY WALK FOR EASTER (WGCP) – "The Path to The Cross". A story walk around 13 video points in Grove and Wantage. Walk when it suits you anytime between March 28th and April 4th. Bring your smartphone and scan the QR codes for the story, the route and code words for the Real Easter Egg Draw! www.wgcp.org.uk

Start with the Grove loop from Old Mill Hall (park in Old Mill Hall car park) – c.2.5km.

Wantage loop starts at Wantage Methodist Church (use The Beacon car park) – c.2.7km.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH CRAFTS FUNDRAISING Easter cards are available to purchase and can be viewed in the 'Crafts for St Johns' section on the church website. <http://www.groveparishchurch.org.uk/2020/11/craft-sale/> Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYERS please pray Frances Gillott and for Ellie Donegan and their families as they recover from operations.

STAFF VACANCY Grove CE School are looking for a Caretaker to join their staff team. The paid post is 8 hours per week to start after the half term. If you or anyone you know would like more information, please contact the school office at office.3228@grove.oxon.sch.uk

GUIDES ANNUAL EGG DELIVERY To serve the Queen and my Community' is part of the guiding promise and to fulfil this promise every year Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Grove enjoy taking part in a community service by delivering Easter cards and Fresh eggs to the Senior Citizens of Grove. This year they will be delivering From Monday 29th March would love to hear about anyone new to Grove, or who is now over 65 and wishing to be included in our annual egg delivery. To be included or if our service is no longer appropriate at your family or friend's home, please telephone Jane on 01235 767767 or email jane.syme@virginmedia.com By Monday 22nd March.

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.

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.

OXFORDSHIRE LIBRARIES offering library books to your door. For those who are unable to visit a library. To check eligibility & register for the Home Library Service or for further information, call 01865 810259 or email homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk

LITTLE PEOPLE urgently need a **double buggy and a cot**. Also needed: boy's clothes (5-6yrs and 7-8yrs) and women's clothes (size 18), clean rugs for a family with no carpeting. Also, boy's black school shoes (size adult 7) (and child size 10 with Velcro fastenings) and girl's black school shoes (size adult 2 & 4). Also, if anyone has a 20-inch boy's bike in safe condition, please contact Jacky via jackymattam@btinternet.com. Thank you.

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. Please do continue to pray for Sarah and the staff while they are on furlough.

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 73	Exodus 8.1–19	Hebrews 11.17–31
Tue	Psalm 35	Exodus 8.20–end	Hebrews 11.32–12.2
Wed	Psalm 55	Exodus 9.1–12	Hebrews 12.3–13
Thu	Psalm 40	Exodus 9.13–end	Hebrews 12.14–end
Fri	Psalm 22	Exodus 10	Hebrews 13.1–16
Sat	Psalm 23	Exodus 11	Hebrews 13.17–end