

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

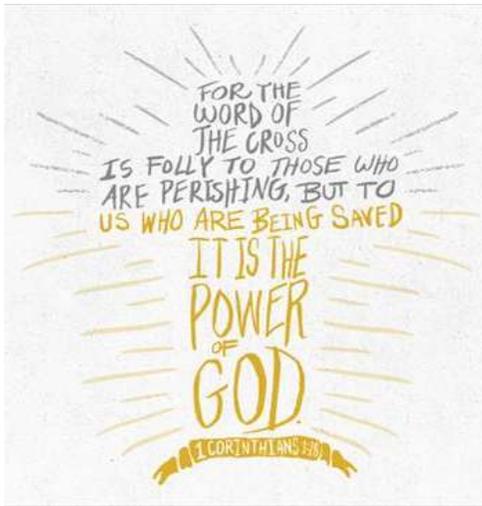
Mon	Psalm 5	Genesis 47.1–27	Hebrews 4.14–5.10
Tue	Psalm 9	Genesis 47.28–end of 48	Hebrews 5.11–6.12
Wed	Psalm 38	Genesis 49.1–32	Hebrews 6.13–end
Thu	Psalm 56	Genesis 49.33–end of 50	Hebrews 7.1–10
Fri	Psalm 22	Exodus 1.1–14	Hebrews 7.11–end
Sat	Psalm 31	Exodus 1.22–2.10	Hebrews 8

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

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 Challow Road in East Challow; Ashfields Lane in East Hanney; Columbia Way, Steptoe Close and Cotton Close in Grove; Grove Technology Park.



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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Sunday 7th March 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20: 1-17 | 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 | John 2:13-22

When we read the ten commandments in Exodus 20 we often skate over the most important verse, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery". It starts with grace. God loved and rescued his people. What for? Answer: in order to create a community that reflected his character. Which is why Jesus was so angry to find the centre of that community a market-place rather than a house of prayer for all nations. Our readings call us to reflect just how we, as individuals and as a community reflect Christ's character. How like Jesus are we?

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 7th March

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

Upcoming Services

Wednesday 10th March

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

Sunday 14th March

9am – Zoom Holy Communion Service based on BCP
10am – Zoom Service
11am – Zoom Family Service

We are hoping to have a few physical services in our churches in the later part of this month. Please look out for details.

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 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.

LENT COURSE: "THE BIBLE COURSE" designed by The Bible Society.

This will be on Zoom on Wednesday evenings. It is a course on the bible. We are thinking about its impact, usage, and the wonderful story running through it. A great chance to refresh our knowledge of the bible and to get excited about it again! The one-hour sessions (19:30-20:30) will follow a similar format to previous courses. Please contact the Office or Chris Ashton if you would like to come or to know more.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH CRAFTS FUNDRAISING – Mother's Day and Easter cards are now 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.

WELCOME VISITING Thank you to all those people who have volunteered to deliver leaflets to new houses. If anyone would like to see the new leaflet (electronically) going to new residents, please ask the office – if anyone has a new neighbour and would like to post one through their door – please ask the office for a printed copy.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (usually 1st Friday in March) - Postponed to 12th November 2021, when it is hoped there can be a physical service held for World Day of Prayer in St John's church, Grove.

CSMV ASSOCIATES' QUIET DAY for LENT A Quiet Day is to be held for CSMV Associates and others on Saturday 20th March 2021 from 11.00am to 3.30pm by Zoom. The Quiet Day Leader is the Revd Mary Harwood, who is a retired priest working in the Ridgeway Benefice just outside Wantage, a Spiritual Director, and an Oblate of the CSMV Community. There will be three sessions looking at: Jesus our Compass, Jesus our Shelter and Jesus our Refreshment. Please book with Rosey Feuall, roseyleaf@talktalk.net; there are 40 places. We would be grateful for donations to cover CSMV/Associates' costs: £20 suggested, by cheque to CSMV – or by BACS – details from Rosey if required.

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

RAISING CHURCH FUNDS Would anyone be willing to take on a task of selling some "wall plates" on eBay or Facebook to raise funds for St John's? If this is something you can do, please contact Angela Rich on angela_richuk@yahoo.co.uk or the Benefice Office. Many thanks.

PRAYERS, please pray for Ellie and her family as she recovers from her operation.



LITTLE PEOPLE REQUESTS & JR TOILETRY BAGS We are currently needing clothes for Boys (9-12 months, 3-4 yrs & 4-5 yrs) and Girls (7 yrs), along with a dark coloured school coat for a boy (7yrs). Also needing black school shoes for; (boy's adult size 7) and (girl's adult



sizes 2 & 4) and black Velcro-fastening school shoes for (boy's child size 10). Thank you so much also, for all your donations of toiletry supplies. We have made up 40 toiletry bags and sent them to those in need at the JR Hospital. jackymattam@btinternet.com.

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.

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.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES 2020 Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10 (ESV).



Together you donated an amazing 265,975 gifts of love from all over the UK, bringing great big smiles to thousands of precious children across Africa, Eastern Europe and



Central Asia. We really appreciate each and every shoebox gift given and know that your generosity is making a difference to families. Thank you once again for partnering with us to share God's love with the world's children. Despite the challenges of 2020, our global shoebox packing family enabled 9,113,853 children to be blessed with a shoebox gift and we think that's worth celebrating! Sincerely, Nick Cole, Director of Operation Christmas Child 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 and throughout the Easter Break. To keep our list up to date, we would really love to hear about anyone new to Grove, or who is now over 65 and wishing to be included in our annual egg delivery, or if our service is no longer appropriate / required at your family or friend's home. Please telephone Jane by Monday 22nd March on 01235 767767 or email jane.syme@virginmedia.com

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.

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.