

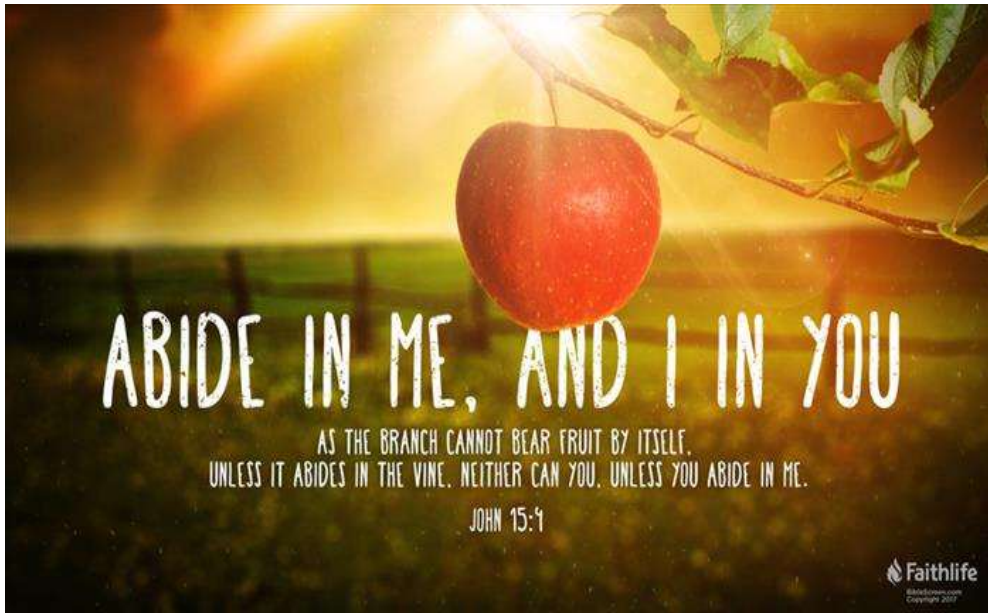
## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**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, Ellie Donegan, Kathy Franklin, Frances Gillott and Philip Pepler.

**Friends and Family mourning** for Barrie Kirton, Adam Cavendish, John Harbar and George Sheffield

### For those having their Banns of Marriage read this month

**Those living at** Dandridge Close, Walnut Close, Anderson Place, The Stables, Stevenson Close, Elderberry Close in Hanney; Kingside, Queen's Row, Bishop's Way, Rook End, Castle Piece, and Knight's Green in Grove.



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## VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Genesis 22:1-18 | Acts 8:26-40 | John 15:1-8

Our reading from Acts introduces perhaps one of the earliest black Christians. Last week Panorama asked, "Is the Church Racist?" On Stephen Lawrence day (22nd April), the Church of England published "From Lament to Action", a short but dynamic report by the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce. In words which reflect our gospel, it comments, "Where our behaviour treats people as lesser, or other, our theology fails to celebrate the dramatic nature of our transformation as people who find their primary identity in Christ. In Christ, our differences are not simply erased but rather embraced, valuing the unique ways we each reflect the image of God." How will we act?

### Our Shared Worship

10.00am Holy Communion and live ZOOM, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill  
10.00am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Chris Ashton  
11.15am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant  
10am Benefice ZOOM Service (See above)

### Upcoming Services

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James, West Hanney– Rev Alec Gill  
10.00am Sunday Club at St Johns, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton  
10.00am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev John Durant  
10.00am Benefice ZOOM Service – Rev Velma Oxley

**To physically attend a service at West Hanney Church, please email [stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com](mailto:stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com) or call Hilary to book a place.**

**To physically attend any other Benefice Churches' services, please 'book' a place with the Benefice Office. [Office@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:Office@valebenefice.org.uk) / 01235 771479**

## BENEFICE NEWS

Churches can open for private prayer. 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 daily (daytime hours).

**St Nicholas, East Challow** is open during daytime hours.

**St James, Denchworth** open on Saturdays & Sundays.

**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.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 10TH – 16TH MAY

1. This year is the 75th Anniversary of Christian Aid. Join us on Zoom on **Sunday 9th May, 6.30pm** for a Service of Celebration, reflection and recommitment to the cause. Details of the zoom link are on the Christian Aid website.

2. Peter and Angela Rich intend walking 10km for Christian Aid on **Saturday 15th May**, meeting at 10.30am in the car park behind Chilton Church. Do get in touch with us on 411315 if you would like to join us or sponsor us.

3. Our Benefice Ascension Day Service on **Thursday 13th May will be at 7.30pm** on Zoom and will also have a Christian Aid theme.

4. Please support Christian Aid prayerfully and financially, as you are able.

**THE BIBLE COURSE** continues on Zoom this Wednesday (7.30pm) for those who wish to attend the last session. Feedback on the course to Rev Chris Ashton is very much welcomed. Thank you. Please contact the Office or Chris Ashton if you would like to attend and receive the link/details.

**GOVERNOR VACANCIES AT GROVE CE PRIMARY** There are governor vacancies at Grove CE Primary School. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the school office on; [office.3228@grove.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3228@grove.oxon.sch.uk) or 01235 769867 or contact Rev John Durant. No previous experience is needed and we welcome people with a variety of backgrounds.

**STAFF VACANCY** Grove CE School are still looking for a Caretaker. The paid post is 8 hours per week (flexible out of school hours) to start as soon as possible. Contact school office for more info on; [office.3228@grove.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3228@grove.oxon.sch.uk) or on 01235 769867.

**CORNERSTONE RE-OPENING** – Although we are unable to open the cafe before 17th May we will be opening the bookshop a few hours a week from Wednesday 21st April to enable you to browse and buy books, cards, gifts and Traidcraft items. Opening times will be Wednesday and Friday mornings only from 10am-12noon – outside these times we will still be monitoring emails and available for click and collect orders. We look forward to welcoming you back. Thank you for your support.

**LITTLE PEOPLE** need 9-18 months boys' clothes, 6-7 years girl's dresses and leggings, 7-8 years boys jogging bottoms, ladies' size 8 trousers and tops, a set of stair gates and a small kitchen table. Please contact [jackymattam@btinternet.com](mailto:jackymattam@btinternet.com) if you can help. Many thanks for your continued support.

**GROW (Grove & Wantage Family Community Group)** are currently running some parent and baby groups at St John's Church Hall. If you are interested in booking onto one, please contact [wantage.grove.babies@gmail.com](mailto:wantage.grove.babies@gmail.com) or search via Facebook.

**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.

**GROVE LIBRARY** is temporarily open on limited opening hours: Tuesday (2pm-5pm), Thursday (2pm-5pm), Friday (2pm-5pm), Saturday (9.30am-12.30pm).

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to; [prayer@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@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 published.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 145	Numbers 9.15–end;10.33–end	Luke 4.38–end
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 19	Numbers 11.1–33	Luke 5.1–11
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 30	Numbers 12	Luke 5.12–26
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 57	Numbers 13.1–3, 17–end	Luke 5.27–end
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 138	Numbers 14.1–25	Luke 6.1–11
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 146	Numbers 14.26–end	Luke 6.12–26

