

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health & Healing Philip Pepler.

Friends and Family mourning for Barrie Kirton, Adam Cavendish, John Harbar, George Sheffield and our Royal family.

Those going back to work, schools, colleges, universities, work placements and those shielding or isolating.

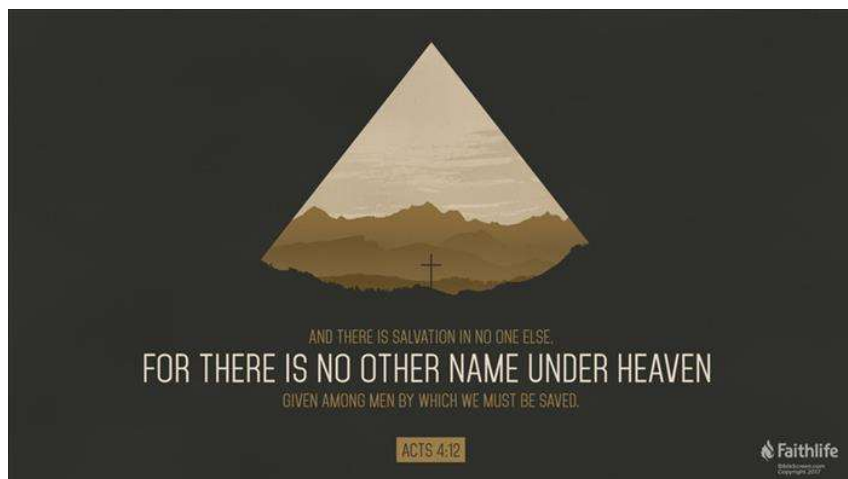
Those living at The Croft in West Hanney; Hawthorn Crescent, Mill Lane and Howard Avenue in Grove; Hedge Hill Road in East Challow; Brook Lane in Denchworth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Tuesday 5th May 2020



Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Sunday 25th April 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gen. 7:1-5 & 11-18, 8:6-18 & 9:8-13 | Acts 4:5-12 | John 10:11-18

What do God's covenant with Noah, Psalm 23, Peter's defence to the religious court, and Jesus the good shepherd have to do with the Easter season? Why have they been set for this Sunday? The Easter blessing puts it well: "The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight."

We're blessed by his new-every-morning love. Alleluia!

Our Shared Worship

8.00am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, West Hanney – Rev John Durant
10.00am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Chris Ashton
10am Benefice ZOOM - Morning Worship Service – Rev Alec Gill

Upcoming Services

Sunday 2nd May

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 (HC) Service live from St John's Church – Rev Alec Gill

To physically attend a service at West Hanney Church, please email 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 / 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 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.

THE BIBLE COURSE continuing on Zoom this Wednesday 28th April (7.30pm) for those who wish to continue with the last sessions. 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 two governor vacancies at Grove CE Primary School. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the school office 01235 769867 or 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 hours) to start as soon as possible. Contact school office for more info on office.3228@grove.oxon.sch.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MOW THE LAWN AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH Can you spare an hour or so every other week? The grounds need mowing every week during spring & summer. We have 3 volunteers who each cut an area weekly. With another volunteer or two, that would become every 2 weeks giving everyone a week off! If you can help, please call the church office. Very grateful for any help offered.

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

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.

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 has reopened (limited hours). New temporary opening hours: Tues (2pm-5pm), Thurs (2pm-5pm), Fri (2pm-5pm), Sat (9.30am-12.30pm).

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 if you can help. Many thanks for your continued support.

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.

DESTINATION AFGHANISTAN if you have any of the following items you wish to donate, please contact Annie on Annie@thehilltribe.com before Thursday 29th April. Old fashioned blankets, large ladies' scarves (used as head scarves), toiletries, fabric, socks for men, women & children & large suitcases (for transporting the items to Afghanistan). Many Thanks

THE EASTER TRAIL Some more photos of some of our wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to experience and a great the Good Friday "Easter Trail" at St John's church. Thank you to ALL those

provide such a lovely outreach opportunity on "Trail" at St John's church. who were involved.



*The Upper Room
(the uncleared table)*

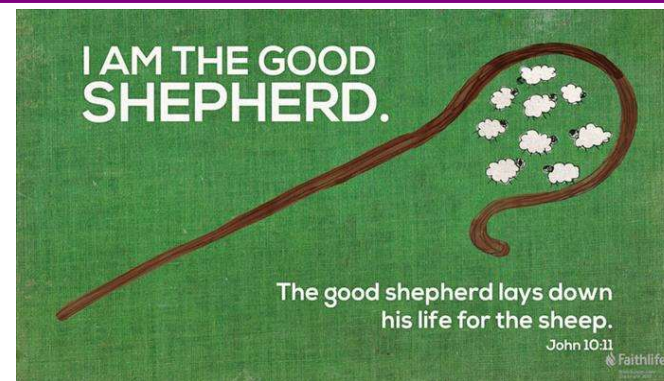


*The Crucifixion
(Roman Centurions)*



Herod's Court

NEWSLETTER please send notices to; 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

Mon	Psalm 103	Exodus 32.1–14	Luke 1.1–25
Tue	Psalm 139	Exodus 32.15–34	Luke 1.26–38
Wed	Psalm 135	Exodus 33	Luke 1.39–56
Thu	Psalm 118	Exodus 34.1–10, 27–end	Luke 1.57–end
Fri	Psalm 33	Exodus 35.20–36.7	Luke 2.1–20
Sat	Psalm 34	Exodus 40.17–end	Luke 2.21–40