

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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 Alfred's Place in East Hanney; Floral close, Princess Garden, Fulmar Close in Grove; Windmill Place and The Park in East Challow.

Countries with high infection rates of Covid. This week we pray for India.



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Sunday 9th May 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 55:1-11 | Acts 10:44-48 | John 15:9-17

This week we're reminded that we are in the sweep of history, and God is working his purposes through that history. They are purposes, says Isaiah, of mercy and mystery, and they will be successful. They're for the whole world as the psalmist and Peter see. Above all, Jesus tells his disciples, it's about his love changing life for every individual. So, when on Thursday we remember his ascension from the earth, still his work goes on through us, changed and filled by the Holy Spirit. It's up to us bear his fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, and thus change the world.

Our Shared Worship

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

Upcoming Services

Thursday 13th May – Ascension Day

- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, East Challow
- 7.30pm – Benefice ZOOM Ascension Day, Holy Communion Service**

Sunday 16th May

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James, West Hanney
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St John's, Grove
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth
- 10.00am Benefice ZOOM Service**
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow

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 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.

PCC meetings:

Sunday 9th May, Denchworth PCC (after the 10am service on Sunday)

Monday 10th May, 8.00pm, Grove PCC, on zoom.

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 Feedback on the course to Rev Chris Ashton is very much welcomed and appreciated. Thank you. curatechris@valebenefice.org.uk

BeSpace, a charity working with local churches to run prayer spaces in schools and local communities, are seeking 4 part-time networkers to work in their local area within Oxfordshire. Furthering the work of BeSpace by being passionate about sharing prayer from a Christian perspective in their local schools and communities, while being able to manage working for a Christian organisation and operating within secular schools. Starting 1st September 2021 on an initial 1-year fixed contact (with the possibility of extension, full job description and details about application, please visit: <https://bespace.be/vacancies/>

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 or on 01235 769867.

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 or 01235 769867 or contact Rev John Durant. No previous experience is needed and we welcome people with a variety of backgrounds.

RIDE & STRIDE Will be taking place on Sat 11th Sept this year – Please contact Terry Mawdesley for more information.

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 or search via Facebook.

CORNERSTONE RE-OPENING – The bookshop is open for a few hours a week to enable you to browse and buy books, cards, gifts and Traidcraft items. Opening times are Wednesday and Friday mornings 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 continued support.

LITTLE PEOPLE are needing 6-7 years girl's dresses and leggings, 7-8 years boys jogging bottoms and size 8 ladies clothes (mainly jeans). Also, does anyone have ant spare tomato and strawberry plants, or any other plants for a family who are trying to make their garden work for them? 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.

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.

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 published.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 65	Numbers 16.1–35	Luke 6.27–38
Tue	Psalm 126	Numbers 16.36–end	Luke 6.39–end
Wed	Psalm 132	Numbers 17.1–11	Luke 7.1–10
Thu	ASCENSION DAY	ASCENSION DAY	ASCENSION DAY
Fri	Psalm 81	Numbers 20.1–13	Luke 7.11–17
Sat	Psalm 47	Numbers 21.4–9	Luke 7.18–35