

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 off at Cornerstone Christian Bookshop & Café in Grove, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Friends and Family mourning for Donald Keep, Joan Bayes and Barbara Williamson.

For those getting married in Grove Church this month.

Those living at Mayfield Avenue, Laurel Crescent and Manor Gardens in Grove; St Nicholas School in East Challow; Morlands in East Hanney; Circourt Road in Denchworth.

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

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| Mon | Psalm 1 | Joshua 1 | Luke 9.18–27 |
| Tue | Psalm 5 | Joshua 2 | Luke 9.28–36 |
| Wed | Psalm 119.1-32 | Joshua 3 | Luke 9.37–50 |
| Thu | Psalm 15 | Joshua 4.1–5.1 | Luke 9.51–end |
| Fri | Psalm 19 | Joshua 5.2–end | Luke 10.1–16 |
| Sat | Psalm 23 | Joshua 6.1–20 | Luke 10.17–24 |



PRAYER OF THE DAY
Sunday 31st May 2020

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Sunday 23rd May 2021 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 | Romans 8: 22 – 27 | John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15

Pentecost is a big-bang moment for everyone and all creation. The Holy Spirit is poured out and a worldwide community is inaugurated, gathered around Jesus' cross and resurrection. The chain reaction is continued as we allow the Spirit to change us. God speaks in the world through the sheer newness of this community which bridges the gulfs of understanding and culture that divide us. "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world" (Teresa of Avila).

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Our Shared Worship

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James, West Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
- 10.00am Holy Communion and **Live Zoom** at St John's, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Chris Ashton
- 10am Benefice ZOOM Service (See above)**
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Canon Robert Teare

Upcoming Services

Sunday 30th May

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton
- 9.30am Family Eucharist at St James, West Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
- 10am Benefice ZOOM Service – Rev Chris Ashton**
- 10.15am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Peter Rich
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant

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.

At our **Challow PCC** we discussed the St Nicholas Statue, the organ, a collection box and the Quinquennial report, we approved a resolution to apply for a faculty for the French Drain, received the finance report and heard a presentation about the Deanery School Chaplain.

ELECTORAL ROLL If you wish to join the Electoral Roll or amend your details, please contact the Church Office to fill out the appropriate form. Thank you.

SPONSORED WALK FOR CHRISTIAN AID Thank you to all who generously sponsored us for the 10km walk last Saturday. The 5 of us managed to complete the walk before the heavy rain arrived! With gift aid we shall give well in excess of £500 which is a magnificent sum. Many thanks to you all for your support, including anonymous donations. Peter and Angela.

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY Holy Communion will take place with a Pentecost theme on Friday 21st May at 2.00pm. Please let Peter and Angela know if you are able to join us on 411315.

BADMINTON at ST JOHN'S We are pleased to welcome back the Benefice Churches Badminton Group on Thursday evenings (8pm-9pm) at St John's Hall. Starting 20th May. All Welcome. Contact Rev John Hedges or the Benefice Office.

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

HELP WITH SERVICES ZOOMED OUT We are looking for a few more helpers for zooming services to those at home on Sunday's. If anyone is willing to try "Hosting" or "Running the Powerpoint" for the zoom services from home or are willing to help with "Projector" or "PA desk" in church on some Sundays, please get in touch with the Benefice Office. Full Training will be given. Thank you for considering this.

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/>

LITTLE PEOPLE are needing anything Thunderbirds, for a little boy who will be 10yrs old soon. Please contact jackymattam@btinternet.com if you can help. Many thanks for your continued support.

FOR FAMILIES You may want to watch this! The service is led by CBeebies Gemma Hunt & the Bishop of Basingstoke, David Williams, with special guests Pete and Sammy Greig and the Cheeky Pandas! (You may need to copy link into a google search). [Pentecost Praise Service For Kids - Thy Kingdom Come - YouTube](#)

CORNERSTONE NEWS – We have really enjoyed welcoming back our regulars to the cafe this week. We are open weekdays: 9.30 - 4pm and Saturdays: 10 - 3pm, serving our full menu until 2pm each day and just drinks and cakes after. Social distancing is required and we take table bookings on the day. The bookshop is also open and [The Community Fridge](#) will now run from 4-5pm on Thursdays.

CORNERSTONE CAFÉ A number of our volunteers will not be continuing during the course of this year - so we are looking for some new volunteers for regular weekday shifts and Saturdays once every 5 weeks. We also need volunteers to help with a **one-off event on Saturday 10th July**. Please talk to Sarah at Cornerstone office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk or miniash51@gmail.com (Jessie Ashton) if this is something you would consider. Many thanks.

CORNERSTONE BOARD – We are very pleased that the PCC has appointed Jessie Ashton as a member of the Cornerstone Board representing St John's along with Colin Moulds and Sue Parnell. Please pray for them and all the Board members and staff, over the coming months. Thank you.

THANK YOU from the Board and Trustees of Cornerstone for the generous donations in 2020. See noticeboard for details.

THANK YOU from Bishop Steven for the Grove Parish Share donated in the Deanery of Wantage. See noticeboard for details.

THANK YOU, GROVE CHURCH, for generous donations to the Church Mission Society. Details on the noticeboard.

A BIG THANK YOU from Iris to Sue Parnell and Anne Cheeseman for all your support and help this year. It has been much appreciated.

ACACIA UK VACANCY– Action for Children and Communities in Africa need volunteers for their store in Grove. If you are able to help or would like more information, please get in touch with the church office.

VACANCY The "Framland" Pilgrim Home in Wantage has a vacancy for a part-time Clerical Assistant (two 5-hour shifts). If you think you have anyone in your congregation who would be interested in this post, could you forward on the following advert link to them, please. <https://jobs.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk/vacancy/clerical-assistant-444459.html>.

VIVA'S EMERGENCY COVID RESPONSE – India & Latin America We have extended our call for prayer gatherings because they have been so powerful this week - hearing the stories and praying with our brothers and sisters working in horrendous situations on the ground in India, Nepal and Latin America.

PRAY: Join us for the next two weeks in May. On Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12 noon (UK time) for 30 minutes. Join here -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9449280466?pwd=VGZVdU9KeWFHUSStV0RQVVFhU0RGQT09> I have updated the PowerPoint to share here:

https://mcusercontent.com/7bcf386201d5aba6fe5a79f52/files/0668eef7-a0af-17a9-449f-a1bf7f7b6bae/Viva_Emergency_Appeal_to_Churches_Updated_14_May.pptx

GIVE: We have raised £16,825 from 58 supporters and churches worldwide, so far - but the need is still very much remaining. Give here: <https://give.viva.org/emergency>

Thank you again for all your 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.