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## Sunday 6th June 2021 First Sunday after Trinity

*Genesis 3:8-15 | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 | Mark 3:20-35*

We've now entered the half year between Trinity Sunday and Advent. It's a time for reflecting and growing in our faith - hence green colours in churches. Our readings take us from the root of humanity's problems, the spoiling of God's image in self-interest, to its restoration in the perfect man, Jesus Christ, who calls his followers his family. With him comes the promise of an "eternal weight of glory beyond measure". Let's hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem

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### Our Shared Worship

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James, West Hanney – Rev Velma Oxley  
**10am Benefice ZOOM Service – Rev Alec Gill**
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Chris Ashton
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Peter Rich

### Upcoming Services

#### Sunday 13th June

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James, West Hanney – Rev Geoff Maughan  
**10am Benefice ZOOM Service – Rev Chris Ashton**
- 10.00am Sunday Club at St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev John Durant
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant

## BENEFICE NEWS

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*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.

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*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*

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**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.

**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](mailto:office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk) or [miniash51@gmail.com](mailto:miniash51@gmail.com) (Jessie Ashton) if this is something you would consider. Many thanks.

**ST JOHN'S TODDLER GROUP** Opening in Grove Church Hall June 16<sup>th</sup> 9.15am

**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](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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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, Dick Douglas, Pam Blustin, Benita and Adrian Hiley, Jenny Dubenski, Ursula Geer, Graham Bates, Ron Stovold, Lucy MacDonald, Hendrick Mahlangu, Kathy Franklin, Rob Strange,

**Those preparing for marriage and having their banns read this month.**

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

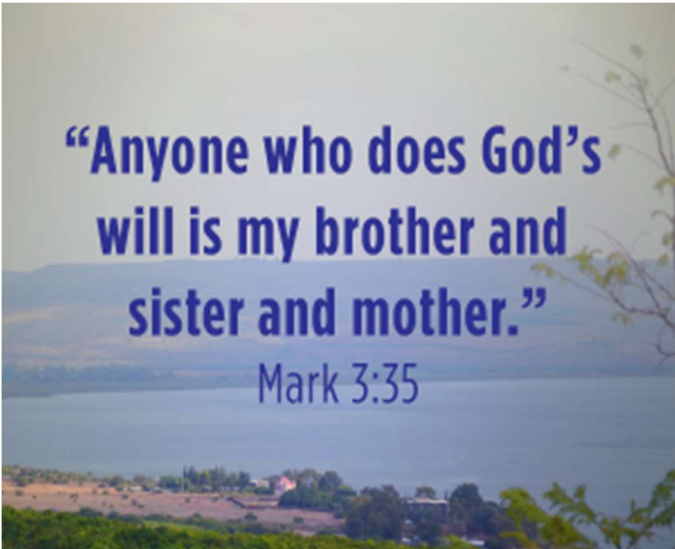
**Those living at** Miles Drive, Hunters Close and Membury Way in Grove; Blenheim Orchard in East Hanney; Main Street in West Hanney; Grove CE School.

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

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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 44	Joshua 14	Luke 12.1–12
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 48	Joshua 21.43–22.8	Luke 12.13–21
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 119.57-80	Joshua 22.9–end	Luke 12.22–31
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 57	Joshua 23	Luke 12.32–40
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 51	Joshua 24.1–28	Luke 12.41–48
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 68	Joshua 24.29–end	Luke 12.49–end



**“Anyone who does God’s  
will is my brother and  
sister and mother.”**

Mark 3:35

# karenaid



## Serving displaced people on the Thai-Burmese border

Nearly 3 years ago we took the sad decision to close Karenaid after 22 years. At that point we had already reduced the number of projects we supported and were just concentrating on the eye work undertaken by Doctors Frank Green and Phillip Ambler. We had sufficient assets to fund a 3 year programme of eye work based at a clinic near the Thai-Myanmar border, thus giving them time to find an alternative source of funding. Our colleague Goong has also started a very successful service supplying affordable glasses, which is providing a valuable income to support the project. This last year has produced an exciting development in a collaboration with Fiona's Eye Fund. Fiona's Eye Fund was set up in memory of Dr Fiona Dolan, formerly a Specialty Registrar in Ophthalmology, Glasgow. When Fiona died in 2007 aged 36, colleagues, friends and family set up this fund to enable doctors to travel to developing countries to improve eye care, performing sight restoring cataract operations. There is much in common between us. Two of their ophthalmic surgeons have already visited the area and are very keen to continue the work.

[www.fionaseyefund.com](http://www.fionaseyefund.com)

Karenaid will continue to administer this final year of the current programme, working with Fiona's Eye Fund. 2 Karenaid trustees aim to visit Thailand at the end of the year to ensure all the equipment is working and arrangements are in place before the surgeons have their next visit. Next spring we will formally hand over the agreed programme to Fiona's Eye Fund, together with any remaining Karenaid funds and assets. Karenaid will then close. Phillip Ambler and another trustee will continue as advisors to the new project.

May 2021

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