

BeSpace charity working with local churches to run prayer spaces in schools & local communities, seek 4 part-time local networkers. To further BeSpace work with passion about sharing prayer from a Christian perspective in local schools & communities, while managing working for a Christian organisation & operating within secular schools. Starts 1st September 2021 on a 1-year fixed contact (possibility of extension). For Job description & details please visit: <https://bespace.be/vacancies/>

USED STAMPS Raising money for Denchworth Church Please leave old/used stamps at the Benefice Office. Stamps left on envelopes can raise more! 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.

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 98	Judges 13.1–24	Luke 17.20–end
Tue	Psalm 106	Judges 14	Luke 18.1–14
Wed	Psalm 111	Judges 15.1–16.3	Luke 18.15–30
Thu	Psalm 115	Judges 16.4–end	Luke 18.31–end
Fri	Psalm 139	Judges 17	Luke 19.1–10
Sat	Psalm 121	Judges 18.1–20, 27–end	Luke 19.11–27

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The Health & Healing of Kathy Franklin and Rev Les Isaac.

Friends and Family mourning for Glen Thompson, Isobella Terry (Betsy) and Dorothy Barclay.

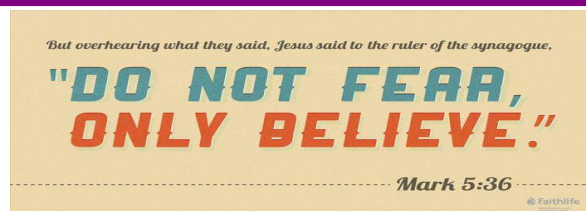
For those being blessed in our Benefice Churches.

For those taking exams / tests or training to further their education.

For Benji Tyler who is being ordained on 27th June.

Those living at Mill Orchard in East Hanney; Albermarle Drive, Woodhill Drive and Ashdown Way in Grove; Hyde Road in Denchworth; Reynolds Way in East Challow.

Countries with high infection rates of Covid



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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Sunday 27th June 2021 St John the Baptist Patronal Festival

2 Samuel 1:1 & 17-28 | 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 | Mark 5:21-43

Many of us were disappointed when the Prime Minister postponed “Freedom Day” from Monday for a month. We had been so looking forward to being released at last from a seeming lifetime of lockdown. Would businesses ever be able to resume normal trading? Would we ever be allowed to hug each other again? John the Baptist came as herald of the ultimate good tidings. “Here is your God!” And he pointed to Jesus in whom all - Jew, Greek, black, white, young, old, straight or gay - all are children of God. The irreversible dawn has broken. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel

Our Shared Worship

10am Holy Communion Service at St Johns, Grove, with **Live Zoom**

11.45am Outdoor Service at St James the Great, West Hanney

2:30pm Blessing & Thanksgiving at St Johns, Grove

3:30pm Blessing & Thanksgiving at St Nicholas, East Challow

(5pm Fr Benji Tyler’s first Celebration of the Eucharist as president)

Upcoming Services

Sunday 4th July

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Geoff Maughan

10am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

10am Benefice Zoom Service – Rev Chris Ashton

10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Chris Ashton

(Followed by the APCM)

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 APCM for St James the Great, Denchworth: Wednesday 30th June at 7.30pm.

THE APCM for St John, Grove: Saturday 3rd July at 7pm.

ELECTORAL ROLL If you wish to join the Electoral Roll or amend your details, please contact the Benefice Office for the appropriate form. **For St James, W. Hanney**, please contact Hilary and return the form back to Hilary. Thank you.

stjameschurchwesthanney@gmail.com **This is not a full ER renewal year.**

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, EAST CHALLOW: COLLECTIONS

The collection at our service on Sunday 4th July will be donated to the Diocesan Ordinands Fund helping those training for the ministry in the Oxford Diocese.

MEMORIAL GARDEN at St John's Thank you very much for all the donations so far towards this. We hope to soon be able to have a new prayer stone inscribed in the Grove Memorial Garden, with words from the Beatitudes – "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" - as a memorial for those who have lost their lives recently, and as a comfort for those left behind. Should anyone wish to contribute to this project please do so through the church office, and clearly mark the envelope – "For the prayer walk memorial stone". Many thanks.

GROVE CE SCHOOL PRAYERS via Zoom on **Monday 28th June** (9.30am-10am). All welcome. Please contact Andrea Morgan 07732 433625 or andreamoki@hotmail.com if you would like to be sent the zoom link to join the prayers meeting. Thank you.

KATHY FRANKLIN UPDATE Thank you all for continuing to pray for Kathy. She had an operation on the stent in her head last week and as a result is a lot more alert and awake and trying to talk to the girls when they video call her. Good news. Lets pray that this continues. Love Jane.

ST JOHN'S TODDLER GROUP is taking place on Wednesdays at St John's church hall. Join "St John's Toddler Group" on Facebook to book your places weekly. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/834764607358075/permalink/943123653188836/>

RIDE & STRIDE Will be taking place on Sat 11th Sept this year. Each Parish has their own representative so if you are interested in taking part, please contact Terry Mawdesley for Grove, Janet Parker is for Challow and Hilary Cakebread for Hanney.

BADMINTON at ST JOHN'S The Benefice Churches Badminton Group is back on Thursday evenings (8pm-9.30pm), St John's Hall. All Welcome. 50p donation.

WILD WORLD HEROES - Summer Reading Challenge 2021 from **10th July to 11th September 2021**. This year the Challenge is celebrating nature! As the children read, they will help the Wild World Heroes save and improve their local environment!

LITTLE PEOPLE looking for a smallish sewing machine (electric or manual). Thanks. Contact Jacky Mattam, jackymattam@btinternet.com.

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

CORNERSTONE NEWS Open weekdays: 9.30am-4pm & Saturdays: 10am-3pm. Full menu served until 2pm. Only drinks & cakes after 2pm. Bookshop open.

The Community Fridge will now run from 4-5pm on Thursdays at Cornerstone.

CORNERSTONE VOLUNTEERS We are still in need of more volunteers mainly to help with the washing up or to go on the till, for which training will be given. We have a particular need for Saturdays, but any help is welcome. Do you know of youngsters doing their DofE Award? We can offer 2 hour shifts on Saturdays towards that. Please contact Sarah at Cornerstone if you can help in any way. Tel: 772280 or email: office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk

Wantage and Grove STREET PASTORS

STREET PASTORS AFTERNOON TEA

Limited Spaces – booking is essential!

Sunday 4th July 2021 (3pm) at St John's Church, Main

Street, Grove. Book via Email: wantageandgrove@streetpastors.org.uk or by telephone: 07554 655594. Booking Deadline by Monday 28th June. Wantage & Grove Street Pastors. Registered Charity 1134429.

Refreshments by Cornerstone Coffee Shop, Grove.

Grow is a community group supporting families with children under 5 years old in the OX12 area. We run Baby (pre-crawler), Crawler and Toddler groups weekly. Booking is essential, via our online booking system. For our latest program and to make a booking, visit www.growfamilies.co.uk. If you are pregnant or have a baby under 12 months old, you can join our WhatsApp Chat. Message us on our Facebook page or send us an email contact@growfamilies.co.uk, and you will be sent a link to join www.facebook.com/growfamilies. It's a great way to connect with other parents and carers of babies in our area."

WANTED: Short-term accommodation for a young family in Oxfordshire from 16 June

We (Daniel, Ellen and our young child) are a young Christian family who have recently moved to the area after a job loss last year and are looking for local, affordable accommodation for the short-to-medium term from 16 June while we find something more permanent. We are currently nearby in Headington but have found ourselves unexpectedly having to leave our accommodation from 16 June. We would be careful and considerate tenants and are open to renting, house-sitting and carrying out property duties as part of an accommodation arrangement. Should any of your congregation have or be aware of such opportunities, please contact Ellen at ellen.r.harvey@gmail.com

THE MARIPOSA TRUST Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) returns to Oxford in July with a Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a Nationwide chain of events). We bring a service to bereaved parents in your area on **17th July at 7.30pm in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford**. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website at: www.sayinggoodbye.org **Tel:0845 2938027**. Email: office@sayinggoodbye.org

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VACANCY The "Framland" Pilgrim Home (Residential Care) in Wantage. (Ref. 10600). Part-time, 24-hours per week "Activity and Community Engagement Facilitator". Application deadline: 24th June 2021.