

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

**For those** having their Banns of Marriage read in our Benefice Churches.

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

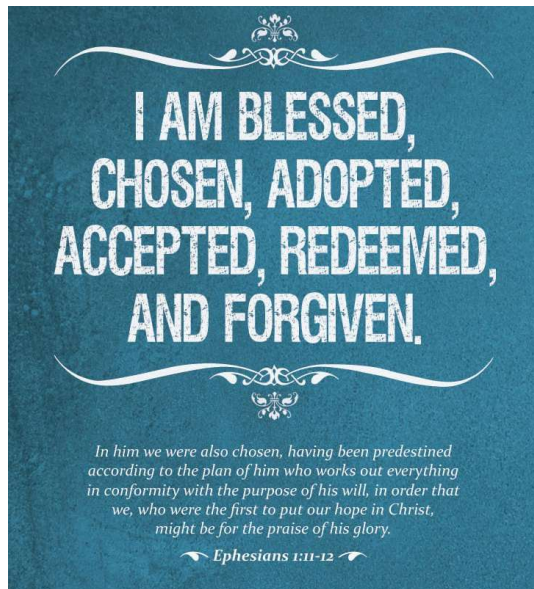
**For** Benji Tyler being ordained on Sunday at Wantage Parish Church.

**For Local Charities** and the vital work they do in our community e.g.) The Street Pastors, The Little People of Wantage & Grove, GroW, The Food Bank, Cornerstone, The Mix, The Ray Collins Trust, The Community Fridge, The Community Larder and many more.

**Those living at** Monks Close in West Hanney; St James View in East Hanney; Windrush Close, Bosley's Orchard and Wick Green in Grove; Letcombe Hill in East Challow.

**Christian Aid and other charities** who are trying to help the people of countries who are in dire need.

**Countries with high infection rates of Covid & those facing starvation.**



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## Sunday 11th July 2021 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 7:7-15 | Ephesians 1:3-14 | Mark 6:14-29

“Let me hear what God the Lord will speak” (Psalm 85.8). That’s a great prayer. Wouldn’t it be nice if it were simple! But how exactly do we hear “God speak”? Through people, the Bible read or preached, the inner voice of the Spirit, dreams, something else? This week’s readings give different examples of hearing. Amos had a commission and a vision - and speaks come what may. The Ephesians heard “the word of truth” and believed it. Herod “liked to listen to” John the Baptist speaking God’s truth, but ultimately wanted his brother’s wife more. Whenever we hear God’s voice, whether comforting or challenging us, we need to respond to Him with faith.

### Our Shared Worship

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev John Durant
- 10am Sunday Club (and Said service) at St Johns, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton
- 10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Peter Rich
- 10am Benefice Zoom Service – Rev Alec Gill**
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Velma Oxley

### Upcoming Services Sunday 18th July

- 8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove - Rev Chris Ashton
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney - Rev John Durant
- 10am Holy Communion at St James the Great, Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant
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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**

## 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.

**SUNDAY CLUBS** at St John's Church this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July (10am - 10.45am) and a Said Service in church. All Welcome. Please let the Benefice Office know if you can attend [office@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@valebenefice.org.uk) or call/text Andrea 07732 433625.

**BENEFICE SUNDAY CLUBS PICNIC** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday Club picnic (12noon - 1.30pm) - Bring your own picnics and join us in the St John's Garden (outdoor games/ice cream will be provided). All Welcome. Please let the Benefice Office know if you can join us. [office@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@valebenefice.org.uk)

**CHRISTIAN AID** Christian Aid have thanked you all for the generous gift of £435 (+ gift aid) from our Sponsored walk in May. They say: "In Kitui Kenya, your gifts will support women like Florence to access a reliable water source. With her local dam she can now grow tomatoes, onions, papayas and chillies on her farm, and also keep bees. In the past she had to spend several hours on a dangerous daily journey to collect water". Peter and Angela.

**THE WANTAGE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL** is taking place 1st-31st July 2021. There are a lot of interesting things going – all done with Covid regulations in mind. You can download the full program using the following link: <https://www.wantagesummerartsfestival.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/wantagesummerartsfestival.pdf>

**OPEN THE BOOK** Due to the Coronavirus restrictions and in order to continue the OTB work with the school, our team, with Rev Chris Ashton's help, have made short video recordings of Bible stories to be used at Grove CE School. However, we do hope to get back to live School Assemblies in September. We are a very small team and **could really do with more volunteers** to help us. No expertise is required, and you don't have to commit to every week, but we believe this is a VERY IMPORTANT PART of our Christian ministry and outreach. Please contact Angela, Margaret Fell or myself for more information. Thank you. Peter Rich (411315)

**MEMORIAL GARDEN at St John's** Thank you very much to for all funds generously donations towards this so far. We will start the process of engraving the new prayer stone 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 again for your generosity.

**GROVE VILLAGE HALL AFTERNOON TEAS** [change of opening dates](#). We will now open up for teas again on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021. We look forward to seeing you then.

**WILD WORLD HEROES - Summer Reading Challenge 2021** from 10<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> 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! Contact Wantage Library for more information [wantage.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wantage.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or call 01235 762291.

**RIDE & STRIDE** Will be taking place on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LITTLE PEOPLE** are looking for clean double bedding, clean pillows and boys' clothes (9-18 months) please? If you can help, please contact Jacky Mattam ([jackymattam@btinternet.com](mailto:jackymattam@btinternet.com))

**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.

**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](mailto:office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk)

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to; [prayer@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@valebenefice.org.uk)

**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 **17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org) [Tel:0845 2938027](tel:08452938027). Email: [office@sayinggoodbye.org](mailto:office@sayinggoodbye.org) website: [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

**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](mailto: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

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 19	1 Samuel 5	Luke 20.41–21.4
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 24	1 Samuel 6.1–16	Luke 21.5–19 2
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 30	1 Samuel 7	Luke 21.20–28
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 35	1 Samuel 8	Luke 21.29–end
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 38	1 Samuel 9.1–14	Luke 22.1–13
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 41	1 Samuel 9.15–10.1	Luke 22.14–23