



Sunday 25th July 2021

Eighth Sunday after Trinity – Feast of St James the Greater

Jeremiah 4: 1 - 5 | Acts 11: 27 - 12: 2 | 2 Corinthians 4: 7 - 15 | Matthew 20: 20 - 28

James, whose mother asked for top seats in the kingdom of heaven for her two sons, was the first of the twelve to be martyred. Her request also led to Jesus saying, “Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” Christ-like service, not worldly greatness, is our calling

Readings for our other Benefice Churches this Sunday:

2 Kings 4: 42-44 / Ephesians 3: 14-21 / John 6: 1-21

Our Shared Worship (25th July)

8.00am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove - Rev Chris Ashton & Rev John Durant

9.30am Patronal Eucharist, St James the Great, West Hanney - Rev John Durant

(Outside on Church Green – weather permitting)

10am Benefice Zoom Service – Rev Chris Ashton

6.00pm EVENSONG, St James, Denchworth - Rev John Durant

Upcoming Services:

Sunday 1st August

9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Chris Ashton

10am Family Communion **with live ZOOM** at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

10am Morning Prayer, St James, Denchworth- Mr Roy Phillips

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

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

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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.

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

THE RETURN OF CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT ST JAMES, HANNEY Children are welcome to join in activities at our Patronal Festival service this Sunday, 25th July from 9.30. Come and learn more about St James. If possible bring a Bible as it will help us to discover more about St James the Disciple.

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>

GROVE VILLAGE HALL AFTERNOON TEAS change of opening dates. Now opening for teas again on 8th September 2021. We look forward to seeing you.

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

CRAFT, CREAM TEAS & CREATIVITY Saturday October 30th in St John' Hall. (Donations of Jam & Chutney, cakes etc. welcome.) in aid of St John's Church.

SAMARITANS PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Save the Date: 15th - 22nd November will be National Shoebox Collection Week. We will be supporting this wonderful initiative in our Benefice Churches. Samaritans-Purse.org.uk

CORNERSTONE NEWS UPDATE – Cornerstone is fully open from 9.30-4pm Monday-Friday and 10-3pm on Saturdays. At the moment we are not increasing table space so it is best to book beforehand, especially at lunchtime. We are now offering Cream Teas in the afternoons at £4.45 pp or a Full Afternoon Tea for £14 pp – booking for this is essential so call us on 772280. We have the usual good range of Traidcraft food and gifts as well as a large selection of cards and books. We look forward to seeing those of you who have not yet been back to us.

BENEFICE BADMINTON GROUP Thursdays (8pm-9.30pm), St John's Hall. All Welcome. Why not give it a try? For more information contact the Benefice Office.

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.

OPEN THE BOOK Due to the Coronavirus restrictions and 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 me for more information. Thank you. Peter Rich (411315)

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 95	1 Samuel 14.24–46	Luke 23.13–25
Tue	Psalm 102	1 Samuel 15.1–23	Luke 23.26–43
Wed	Psalm 105	1 Samuel 16	Luke 23.44–56a
Thu	Psalm 107	1 Samuel 17.1–30	Luke 23.56b–24.12
Fri	Psalm 110	1 Samuel 17.31–54	Luke 24.13–35
Sat	Psalm 116	1 Samuel 17.55–18.16	Luke 24.36–end

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

For the Health & Healing of all those we know of in our families and community.

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

For the Hopkins family mourning the loss of Linda's Father.

For those having their Banns of Marriage read and those being Blessed in our Benefice Churches.

For those marriages being Blessed in our Benefice Churches in the coming weeks.

Those living at The Paddocks in East Hanney; The Meads in West Hanney; Cornhill Lane in East Challow and Bridge Farm Close, Westbrook & Westfield Mobile Home Park in Grove.