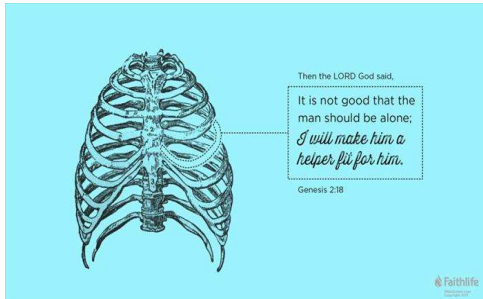


DIARY FOR THE WEEK

(Starting on Monday 4th Oct)

Mon	10am	GroW: Toddler “Stay & Play” Group, St John’s Hall
	10am	U3A Art Group, St John’s Rooms (advance bookings only)
	12.45pm	GroW: “Bumps & Babies” Group, St John’s Hall (advance bookings only)
Tue	7pm	1st Grove Guides, St John’s Hall
	10am	GroW: Toddler “Stay & Play” Group, St John’s Hall (advance bookings only)
	10am	Simply Singing Group, St John’s Church
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney
	6.30pm	Chess Club, St John’s Rooms
Wed	7pm	2nd Grove Guides, St John’s Hall
	9.30am	St John’s Toddlers Group, St John’s Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St John’s, Grove
	6pm - 8pm	Open Table at Cornerstone
	8pm	20s and 30 Group, Grove
Thu	9.30am	White Horse Extend (over 60’s) Exercise, St John’s Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	5.30pm	1st Grove Brownies, St John’s Hall
	8pm	St John’s Badminton Group, St John’s Hall
Fri	9.45 - 11.45am	GroW: Parenting Course.
Sat	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Cornerstone Coffee Shop, Grove
	9.30am	NCT course in the St John’s Church Hall
Sun	<i>Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet</i>	
	1pm	Service of Blessing and Thanksgiving at Hanney Church
	7pm	Senior Youth Group, St John’s Hall



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Sunday 3rd October 2021

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 2: 18 – 24 | Hebrews 1: 1 - 4; 2: 5 – 12 | Mark 10: 2-16

This Sunday we have some difficult Bible readings which have sometimes been misused to justify unChristlike attitudes and actions, such as the exploitation of the natural world, since everything is subject to humans. (Incidentally on Monday the Church celebrates Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology.) And so, it’s a relief to end with Jesus welcoming children and demonstrating his true heart: “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 3rd October

- 8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
- 10am Holy Communion & **ZOOM** & Sunday Club at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Chris Ashton
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill
- 6pm Evening Worship at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

Upcoming Services

Sunday 10th October

- 8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
- 9.30am Harvest Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev John Durant
- 10am FAMILY SERVICE & **ZOOM** at St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
- 10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Chris Ashton
- 11.15am Harvest Festival Service at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant
- 6pm Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

BENEFICE NEWS

HANNEY PCC At our Hanney PCC we received a variety of reports including finance, fabric, Safeguarding, the school and children's work. We acknowledged thanks for a successful Michaelmas Fayre and tentatively plan to hold the Holly Fair if it is safe to do so. We asked the worship Group to fine tune the plans for Christmas Services and asked PCC members to consider what are the needs of our church and community.

DENCHWORTH PCC At our Denchworth PCC we received a variety of reports including finance, fabric and safeguarding. We approved policies about the privacy and protection against domestic abuse. We considered how best to keep safe at our services particularly Remembrance and Christmas. We wait for the electric meter to be installed and are still looking for a Treasurer to replace Roy.

EAST CHALLOW PCC MEETING will be on 19th October.

PRAYER REQUESTS If anyone has specific prayer requests, please 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.

HARVEST SERVICES at West Hanney and East Challow Churches on Sunday 10th October.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS AFTER CHURCH - TO RESUME AT GROVE

We are looking forward to restarting serving refreshments after the Sunday 10am services. **We have missed the opportunity to chat and catch up with you all, and hope that staying behind after the services with a drink will enable us to all reconnect with each other.** We would encourage you to bring your own mug. We will serve drinks for the children too. If you are happy to join a Refreshments rota, please contact the Benefice Office; (01235 771479 / office@valebenefice.org.uk) Thank you.

GROVE HARVEST LUNCH A huge thank you to Nicky and Barbara for the Harvest Lunch last Sunday and to all of you who came along – it was good to see so many people back together again. Thank you for all the donations received – after costs were taken out, we received over £250 and it has therefore been decided to send £100 to the Wantage and Grove Foodbank as our harvest donation to them.

CRAFT, CREAM TEAS & CREATIVITY Saturday 30th October (2pm – 4.30pm) in St John's Hall. (Donations of Jam & Chutney, cakes etc. welcome) in aid of St John's Church. Please do come and support us.

WANTAGE & GROVE FOODBANK Thank you to the Benefice Church congregations for all your Harvest donations.

At St John's Church, the Foodbank box is in the church foyer. All donations are gratefully received. Thank you also to the children, staff, parents and carers of Grove CE School who have donated such a large amount of food to us this week during their Harvest Services in Church.

PET SERVICE Churches of the Ridgeway Benefice Calling all Pets! All pets and their owners and families are invited to our very first Pet Service. Sunday 3rd October (3pm) at St Mary's Church, Childrey. Refreshments afterwards including treats!

BROWNIES VOLUNTEERING Do you enjoy learning new hobbies being creative and working with a fun team of women and girls? Brownies is about trying new things that teach girls aged seven to 10 about themselves, their community and their world. They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, develop skills and have outdoor adventures. I am a leader with 3rd Grove Brownies and we meet on a Thursday evening 6-7.15pm at Grove Village Hall. Brownies are always looking for volunteers... you may wish to volunteer on a rota or come more regularly. If you would like to find out more about Brownies and volunteering, please go to <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer> Many thanks. Ellie Donegan.

SAMARITANS PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: 15th -22nd November will be National Shoebox Collection Week. We will be supporting this wonderful initiative in our Benefice Churches. Samaritans-Purse.org.uk The Kings Centre, will be an official Collection Centre. If you cannot get there to leave your filled shoeboxes, do leave them at your Benefice churches by Saturday 13th November Many thanks.

ITEMS NEEDED for local families in need: Bedding for a Moses Basket. A bunk bed. Warm clothes for a 10-year-old boy. Clothes for girls (aged 6-7 years and 7-8 years). School clothes for a 6-year-old girl (jogging bottoms, leggings, long sleeved white or red t-shirts, red school polo shirts, and a plain white t-shirt). If you can help with any of these items, please contact Andrea Morgan on 07732 433625 or email me at andreamoki@hotmail.com Many thanks for your continued support.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST We are looking forward to hosting our first Women's Breakfast after COVID lockdown. We need to manage numbers so it will be booking only for attendance for this event. Saturday 16th October, Stanford in the Vale village hall, 8:30am for 8:45am start. Jeanette Gill joins us as a speaker. Her speech is entitled '**Every Step Counts**' and summed up by the following quote: "If you never move out of the sphere of your own strength and capability, you will never know what you can do." The Women's Breakfast Team: Gaynor, Lynne, Maz, Susan & Fiona.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing for Sheila Stonehouse, Sue Duff, Pam Tranter, June Hedges Barbara Boulter, Mikayla Beames, Bev Rolls, Angela Handley, Anthony Bowler, Bob Bulpitt, Pam Blustin, Benita and Adrian Hiley, Graham Bates, Jenny Dubenski, Ursula Geer, Martin Walkley, John Butter, May Piggott, Hendrick Mahlangu, Steve West, Steven Meadows, Ginny Hammond and Colin Gillott.

Friends and Family mourning for Jean Wright.

Those being Blessed in our Benefice Churches.

Those having their Banns read in our Benefice Churches.

Those living at The Croft in West Hanney; Blenheim Orchard in East Hanney. The Maples, Churchward Close and The Kestrals in Grove; Vicarage Hill in East Challow.