

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 30	1 Kings 1.5–31	Acts 13.13–43
Tue	Psalm 35	1 Kings 1.32–2.4;2.10–12	Acts 13.44–14.7
Wed	Psalm 38	1 Kings 3	Acts 14.8–end
Thu	Psalm 41	1 Kings 4.29–5.12	Acts 15.1–21
Fri	Psalm 50	1 Kings 6.1, 11–28	Acts 15.22–35
Sat	Psalm 56	1 Kings 8.1–30	Acts 15.36–16.5

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

For the Health & Healing of Sheila Stonehouse, May Piggott, Steve West, June Hedges, Barbara Boulter, Mikayla Beames, Pam Tranter, Bev Rolls, Janet Causer, John Butter, Khim Moss, Rob Strange, Gordon & Angela Handley, Anthony Bowler, Bob Bulpitt, Dick Douglas, Pam Blustin, Benita and Adrian Hiley, Jenny Dubenski, Ursula Geer, Graham Bates, Ron Stovold, Lucy MacDonald, Hendrick Mahlangu, Ellie Donegan, Kathy Franklin, Lottie Williams, Frances Gillott, Shelley Syme and Sue Duff.

Friends and Family mourning for Linda Winter, Royston Crook, Derek Allen, Vera Mouette, Daphne Samuel and Philip Coldwell.

Those getting married or being Blessed in our Benefice churches.

Those being interred at our Benefice Churches.

Groups re-starting their meetings at our Benefice Churches.

Those living at Berry Lane in East Hanney; Church Street in West Hanney; Cow Lane in Denchworth; Wessex Way, Broadmarsh Close & Brunel Way in Grove.

In this desperate time of violence in Afghanistan, we can feel powerless.

But we believe in the power of prayer. Pray for Afghanistan.

O God of mercy and of peace, we hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan. Be living bread to those who are hungry each day Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to health care amidst the ravages of pandemic Be their true home to all who have been displaced Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live within its shadow. Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace, open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people and hold us all in your unfailing love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness. Amen

Prayer by Ramani Leathard, Christian Aid's Head of Region, South East Asia & Afghanistan.

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Sunday 5th September 2021 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 35:4-7a | James 2:1-10 & 14-17 | Mark 7:24-37

Welcome back to the benefice news sheet! This Sunday there'll be a national 'Climate Sunday' event, and the UK government will be presented with the combined commitments made by many churches over the year.

The prophet Micah posed the question, "And what does the Lord require of you?" and answers, "To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God". 'Climate Sunday' encourages us to do this, acting boldly out of compassion and care for nature, for all people on our planet, including the vulnerable, and for future generations. (A Rocha UK: <https://arocha.org.uk/christians-churches-and-cop26/>)

Our Shared Worship

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
10am Holy Communion with **ZOOM Service** and 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 and Rev Chris Ashton

Upcoming Services:

Sunday 12th September

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Geoff Maughan
10.00am Family Service at St Johns, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton
10.00am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill
10am ZOOM Service
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill

BENEFICE NEWS

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

GROVE PCC MEETING 13th September (7.50pm for 8pm start). St John's Rooms, Grove.

EAST CHALLOW PCC MEETING will be on 19th October.

CREAM TEAS INVITATION You are invited to a Cream Tea this Wednesday 8th September, from 2.30 - 4pm at 8 Broadmarsh Close, Grove, with Peter and Angela Rich. Donations are welcome for Christian Aid.

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.

RIDE & STRIDE at St John's ALSO need Welcomers in St John's Church for this event, in 1-hour slots between 12 noon and 6pm. If anyone can do an hour or so, please contact the Benefice Office and book a slot. Many thanks.

HARVEST Join us for a Harvest Lunch, Sunday 26th September at St John's, Grove after the service at 12 noon. Please let Nicky Gibbard (nicolagibbard@hotmail.co.uk) know if you can come so that we have a rough idea of numbers. The lunch will include vegetarian chilli, chicken casserole, Jacket potatoes, Grated cheese, Salad, Apple pie / crumble, Tea / Coffee. Donations will be taken on the day or can be made beforehand (relevant church account to be identified). This will be the first opportunity we have had for a social meal together and I do hope as many as possible will be able to join us. We will be taking Covid precautions. Any queries please do get in touch.

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.

GROVE VILLAGE HALL AFTERNOON TEAS will be starting again on 8th September from 2.30pm. Teas and cake £2.00. All welcome. Thank you. Norah.

CORNERSTONE INVITATION Cornerstone is delighted to invite you to a special thank you event before our AGM at 7pm on 13th September 2021. Please let Sarah at Cornerstone know if you plan on attending.

CORNERSTONE NEWS We are delighted to say that our **Make and Bake for Under 5s** starts up again this **Tuesday 7th September** from 9.30-11am. Open to all parents and carers with children under 5 - £2 per child includes activities, craft, Storytime and a drink. Every Tuesday in term-time.

CORNERSTONE AGM Our **AGM** will be held on **Monday 13th September** (7.45pm for 8.00pm). Do come along and find out what has been happening over the past year and plans for the future. All welcome.

CORNERSTONE THANK YOU We have received letters of thanks from both Wantage and Grove Street Pastors and the Cornerstone for the money we recently sent them as part of our mission giving. The letters can be seen on the church noticeboard.

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.

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!

LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED We currently need an adult sized bunk bed, a warm coat for a 12–18-month-old girl and a warm coat for a 3–4-year-old girl. Also needed is the following for a 6-year-old girl; - (leggings, tracksuit bottoms, 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 help.

MEMORIAL STONE Many thanks to all who so generously donated to the Memorial Stone in the Prayer Walk. We now are able to inscribe two stones with texts in honour of those we have lost during this sad time. Margaret Fell.

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 (opposite to Sainsbury & part of the Baptist outreach ministry), will be an official Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Collection Centre and is open 10am – 4pm Monday – Saturday. If you cannot get there to leave your filled shoeboxes, please leave them at your Benefice churches by Saturday 13th November (no later), as our volunteers will need time to get them to the collection centers in time. Many thanks.

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.

THANK YOU We have received a letter of thanks from Wantage & Grove Street Pastors for the £1000 we recently sent them as part of our mission giving. The letter can be seen on the church noticeboard.



51st ANNIVERSARY Peter and Angela Rich recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

SPONSORED WALK in aid of Pilgrim Homes. Saturday 25th September 2021 (10.30am). Park in Christopher's Wood Car Park, Ardington, Nr Wantage, OX12 8PD. OS Grid Ref – SU42440 88036. OX12 8PD (nearby). Approx. 5.5-mile circular walk from the car park to West Hendred & the Ginges. Sponsorship forms available from Dave Pepler via email – dave.a.pepler@gmail.com All proceeds to support the Framland Pilgrim Home Pilgrim Friends' Society – Registered Charity No; 242266.

VIVA JOB VACANCY experienced Finance Administrator for day-to-day income & expenditure transactions, with responsibility for Viva's global accounting entries & bookkeeping. Application deadline 12/09/2021. Read & apply at www.viva.org/jobs.

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