

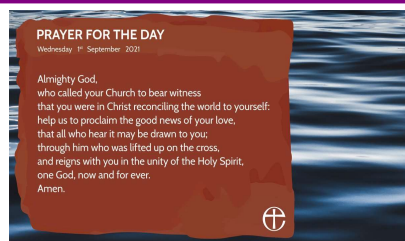
DIARY FOR THE WEEK

From 10th Sept

Fri 9.45-11am Grow Parenting Course information Drop-in, St John's Hall.
Sat 8.30am Breakfast Prayer Group, Cornerstone
 All day Ride & Stride (Welcomers in church)

From 13th Sept

Mon 10.00am GroW: Toddler "Stay & Play" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
 12.45pm GroW: "Bumps & Babies" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
 7.00pm 1st Grove Guides, St John's Hall
 8.00pm Grove PCC Meeting, St John's Lower Room
Tue 10am GroW: Toddler "Stay & Play" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
 10.00am Simply Singing Group, St John's Church
10.00am Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney
 7.00pm 2nd Grove Guides, St John's Hall
 6.30pm Chess Club, St John's Rooms
Wed 9.30am St John's Toddlers Group, St John's Hall
 10.00am Holy Communion, St John's Church, Grove
 6.00pm Open Table Meeting, Cornerstone, Grove
Thu **10.00am Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow**
 9.30am White Horse Extend (over 60's) Exercise, St John's Hall
 5.30pm 1st Grove Brownies, St John's Hall
 8.00pm St John's Badminton Group, St John's Hall
Fri 9.30am Grove CE School Year 1 Bible
 Giving Service.
 2.00pm Friends on Friday (Holy Communion), St John's Hall
Sat 9am VWH Girlguiding 1st Aid Training Course, St John's Hall
 12.45am Wedding at St James the Great Church, W. Hanney
Sun 10am Sunday Clubs at St John's during the 10am Service.
 7pm Senior Youth Group, St John's Lower Room



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VALE BENEFICE
NEWSLETTER



Sunday 12th September 2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 50:4-9a | James 3:1-12 | Mark 8:27-38

"But who do you say that I am?" This week Jesus asks us the most important question in the world, and it's important because, as all our readings remind us, it's about more than saying words. It's about becoming the sort of people whose minds reflect God. That means crucifying our natural mindset and following the mind of Christ - which is controlled by love. In Isaiah's beautiful description of Jesus: "The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word." Let's pray for a heart and a tongue like His

Our Shared Worship on 12th September

8.00am – Holy Communion Service – Rev Chris Ashton
 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
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill
NO ZOOM

Upcoming Services: Sunday 19th September

8.00am – Holy Communion Service – Rev Alec Gill
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Chris Ashton
 10.00am Holy Communion and Sunday Club at St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
10am ZOOM Service
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Chris Ashton

BENEFICE NEWS

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

EAST CHALLOW PCC MEETING will be on 19th October.

A BIG THANK you to the riders and striders for the **Historic Churches event**. Also, thank you to those "Welcoming" in our churches.

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

HARVEST SAVE THE DATE! 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. 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 SAVE THE DATE! **Saturday 30th October** 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.

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 NEWS

We are delighted to say that our **Make and Bake for Under 5s** has now started up again and is held on **Tuesdays 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 week in term-time.

WHITE HORSE EXTEND (over 60's) EXERCISE GROUP. Starting again from 16th September in the St John's Church Hall. Thursdays from 9.30am to 10.30am. There are some spaces left to book. View at <https://jennifercowling.com>. If interested contact Jennifer Cowling 07886 715924 or email: info@jennifercowling.com.

OPEN TABLE IN GROVE (OTIG!) has begun again (from 15th September) after the long lockdown break. It will run on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at Cornerstone, from 6pm till 8pm and starting with a light supper. Our hope and prayer is that it will be a welcome place for the isolated and injured who might be hovering on the edge of a church community, and where everyone can gently share our faith journeys, however definite or tentative. Please feel free to invite friends whom you think might be interested. There's no charge. More info from Pete & Jane Beckley, or Michael & Jane Wenham.

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.

Grow: Toddler & Baby Groups have started again at St John's Church Hall, E. Challow Village Hall and at The Beacon. Full timetable and free online booking at www.growfamilies.co.uk Follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/growfamilies

Grow: Nurturing Programme for parents is a 10-week course starting on 1st October at St John's Church Hall. Drop in for more info at the church hall on Friday 10th Sept between 9.45am and 11am. More information at

<https://www.growfamilies.co.uk/nurturing-programme-for-parents>

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.

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 centres in time. Many thanks.

LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED We currently need an adult sized bunk bed, and 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.

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 68	1 Kings 8.31–62	Acts 16.6–24
Tue	Psalm 72	1 Kings 8.63–9.9	Acts 16.25–end
Wed	Psalm 76	1 Kings 10.1–25	Acts 17.1–15
Thu	Psalm 80	1 Kings 11.1–13	Acts 17.16–end
Fri	Psalm 87	1 Kings 11.26–end	Acts 18.1–21
Sat	Psalm 91	1 Kings 12.1–24	Acts 18.22–19.7

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

Those having their Banns Read in our Benefice churches.

Those getting married in our Benefice churches.

Groups re-starting their groups & meetings at our Benefice Churches.

Students & Staff Returning to work: Nurseries, Schools, Universities, Colleges and Work Placements starting again for the Autumn term.

Those living at Woodhill Lane and Canal Way in East Challow; Orchard Close in East Hanney; Carlton Close, Vestry Close and Catmore Close in Grove.