

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing for Colin Gillott

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

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 Snuggs Lane in East Hanney; Main Street in West Hanney; Vale Avenue, Caudwell Close & Tulwick Lane in Grove; The Orchard in East Challow.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

(starting on Monday 20th Sept)

Mon	10am	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)
	7pm	1st Grove Guides, St John's Hall
Tue	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
	7pm	2nd Grove Guides, St John's Hall
Wed	9.30am	St John's Toddlers Group, St John's Hall
	8pm	20s and 30 Group, St John's Rooms, 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
Sat	9.30 - 4.30pm	NCT course in the St John's Church Hall
Sun		Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet
	12 noon	Harvest Lunch, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Hall

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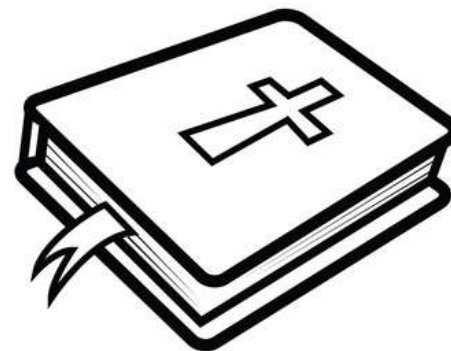
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Sunday 19th September 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 11:18-20 | James 3:13 – 4:3 & 7-8a | Mark 9:30-37

Do we get blasé about the Bible? It's easily done. Someone said, "Scripture changes us. It's not words written on a page; it's words that must be written on our hearts - a rallying cry for action". That's why each week we have readings from the Bible - to inscribe something on our hearts which will affect our lives during the week. It's the reason that we may stand for the Gospel reading (and some churches have a Gospel procession). It's a way of saying, "I'm paying special attention to what Jesus my Lord might be saying to me today." Let's listen intently to what His Spirit is saying to our spirit.

Our Shared Worship on 19th September

- 8am – Holy Communion Service – Rev Alec Gill
9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Chris Ashton
10am Holy Communion and Sunday Club at St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
10am ZOOM Service – Rev Velma Oxley
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Chris Ashton
There is no Denchworth Service this week.

Upcoming Services:

Sunday 26th September

- 8am – Holy Communion Service – Rev Chris Ashton
9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
10am "Harvest" Morning Worship at St Johns, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton
10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev John Durant
10am ZOOM Service – Sue Powditch (LLM)
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant

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.

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.

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

CORNERSTONE NEWS 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.

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.

WHITE HORSE EXTEND (OVER 60'S) EXERCISE GROUP. Started again on the 16th September in the St John's Church Hall. Thursdays from 9.30am to 10.30am. There are some spaces left to book. If interested contact Jennifer Cowling 07886 715924 or email: info@jennifercowling.com.

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). Sponsorship forms available from Dave Pepler via email – dave.a.pepler@gmail.com All proceeds to support the Framland Pilgrim Home Pilgrim Friends' Society

HARVEST Join us for a Harvest Lunch, Sunday 26th September at St John's, Grove after the service at 12 noon. Please let us know if you are coming by contacting Nicky Gibbard (nicolagibbard@hotmail.co.uk) or the Benefice Office (01235 771479 / office@valebenefice.org.uk) 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. We will be taking Covid precautions. Please do get in touch.

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>
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.

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.

ITEMS NEEDED for local families in need: A Toddler or Junior bed. An adult sized bunk bed. 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.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS AFTER CHURCH - TO RESUME AT GROVE

We are looking forward to restarting serving refreshments after the Sunday 10am services. Our first tea and coffee will be with the Harvest Lunch on the 26th September and following that, every Sunday morning after the 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 Costa / Starbucks / Waitrose mugs etc.! in order that we can reduce the transmission of Covid. We are looking at purchasing some St John's mugs that you can buy and have ready to bring on Sunday mornings. We will serve drinks for the children too, and hope they have the chance to reconnect with their church friends.

IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO JOIN THE ROTA – Please contact the Benefice Office; (01235 771479 / office@valebenefice.org.uk) Thank you.

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 103	1 Kings 12.25–13.10	Acts 19.8–20
Tue	Psalm 105	1 Kings 13.11–end	Acts 19.21–end
Wed	Psalm 107	1 Kings 17	Acts 20.1–16
Thu	Psalm 111	1 Kings 18.1–20	Acts 20.17–end
Fri	Psalm 117	1 Kings 18.21–end	Acts 21.1–23
Sat	Psalm 119:33-72	1 Kings 19	Acts 21.17–36