

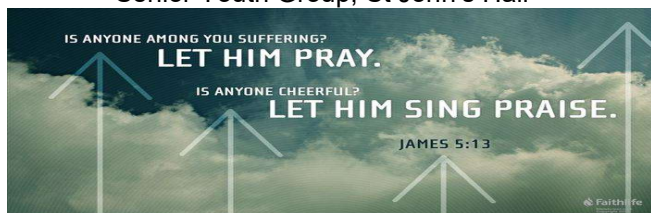
LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 121	1 Kings 21	Acts 21.37–22.21
Tue	Psalm 133	1 Kings 22.1–28	Acts 22.22–23.11
Wed	Psalm 140	1 Kings 22.29–45	Acts 23.12–end
Thu	Psalm 144	2 Kings 1.2–17	Acts 24.1–23
Fri	Psalm 2	2 Kings 2.1–18	Acts 24.24–25.12
Sat	Psalm 8	2 Kings 4.1–37	Acts 25.13–end

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

(starting on Monday 27th 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)
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
Wed	6.30pm	Chess Club, St John’s Rooms
	7pm	2nd Grove Guides, St John’s Hall
	9.30am	St John’s Toddlers Group, St John’s Hall
Thu	8pm	20s and 30 Group, Grove
	9.30am	White Horse Extend (over 60’s) Exercise, St John’s Hall
	9.30am	Grove CE School Harvest Service
Fri	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	5.30pm	1st Grove Brownies, St John’s Hall
Sat	8pm	St John’s Badminton Group, St John’s Hall
	2pm	Friends on Friday, St John’s Hall
Sun	9.30 - 4.30pm	NCT course in the St John’s Church Hall
	7pm	Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet Senior Youth Group, St John’s Hall



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Sunday 26th September 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16 & 24-29 | James 5: 13 – end | Mark 9: 38 – end

Fact: 771 million people in the world – one in ten – do not have clean water close to home” (WaterAid). We’re entering the Harvest season in our churches when we thank God for the relative abundance of food and resources we enjoy. Yet despite our normally well stocked supermarket shelves, even locally there is food poverty, with food banks and the Mix; and we’re hugely better off than people in poor countries ravaged by war and disasters. But what can we do about it? Jesus reminds us that even small things matter. Giving someone in need a cup of water for His sake will “by no means lose the reward.

Our Shared Worship on 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

Upcoming Services

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

BENEFICE NEWS

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

EAST CHALLOW PCC MEETING will be on 19th October.

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

HARVEST Join us for a Harvest Lunch THIS SUNDAY (26th September) at St John's, Grove, after the service and refreshments at 12 noon. Please let us know if you are coming to the meal 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.

Donations will be taken on the day or can be made beforehand; these can now be made with card payments using this QR code.



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>

VIVA ONLINE CHURCHES CONFERENCE it is VIVAs Silver Anniversary Celebration Conference, on Saturday 2 October from 2.00 – 4.30pm. The Zoom event will include a time of, sharing stories from our work with children and families, hearing from our global team of experts, and equipping you with ideas about how your church can be more collaborative in future. You will need to book places at this event, which can do so today at <https://vivacollective25.eventbrite.co.uk>. The ticket price is a suggested small donation to Viva's work, but please donate what you feel able to. All profits raised will go to our work with children. We will email you the Zoom link before the event.

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.

ITEMS NEEDED for local families in need: An adult sized bunk bed. Clothes for girls (aged 6-7 years, 7-8 years and 10-11 years). Waterproof trousers and jacket needed for a girls aged 9-10 years and 10-11 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.

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.

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. 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.

AFGHANISTAN & CENTRAL ASIAN ASSOCIATION has been working to support Afghans in the UK pleading for assistance with bringing families targeted by Taliban over to the UK and are now extremely busy with unprecedented levels of demand. They are in urgent need for funding to support newly arrived Refugees from Afghanistan. Find out more at <https://www.acaa.uk/> or visit their Crowdfunder page: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/afghancrisisfund>

YOU ARE INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils are preparing a Joint Statement of Community Involvement. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out who, how and when the councils will engage with local communities as part of the planning process. They wish to consult about their draft SCI. It contains details of how we plan to work positively and proactively with our communities to ensure their voices are heard. If you wish to comment please go to use the following link [public link to the survey](#). you can also view electronic copies of the documents on our [South](#) or [Vale](#) websites.

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 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.

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 School Road in West Hanney; St James' School in East Hanney; Tubbs Close, Cherbury Green, Cherry Tree Close in Grove; High View in East Challow.