



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

(Starting on Monday 11th Oct)

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 Rooms
	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, 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.
	2pm	Friends on Friday (HC), St John’s Church Hall.
Sun	<i>Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet</i>	
	7pm	Senior Youth Group, St John’s Hall

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Sunday 10th October 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 5:6-7 & 10-15 | Hebrews 4:12-17 | Mark 10:17-31

Uncomfortable readings! Amos prophesied in 8th century BC Israel - which might seem long ago and far away. But the political situation was not so different from ours: stable, prosperous, extravagant, with a big divide between rich and poor, neglect of social justice and of God. As the writer of Hebrews reminds us, God holds us to account not only for our actions but also for our attitudes. Which is the problem of the rich man who asks Jesus about salvation. He’s attached to his earthly wealth. The uncomfortable truth is that, globally, we are the wealthy. So, let’s hate evil, love good, and establish justice in our society and world.

Our Shared Worship 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

Upcoming Services Sunday 17th October

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

BENEFICE NEWS

JEAN WRIGHT You are warmly invited to celebrate with us the life of our Mum, Jean Wright, who recently passed away. Her funeral service will be held in St John's church on Monday 18th October at 1.30pm and there will be refreshments in the church hall afterwards. Mum was 91 years old and had worshipped in St John's since the current church was built, but in more recent years she attended the 8.00am Holy Communion Service. Tony Wright and Jenny Pickup.

EAST CHALLOW PCC MEETING will be on 19th October.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS AFTER CHURCH - AT GROVE

We have started serving refreshments after the Sunday 10am services. 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.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE LIMPING ALONG RATHER THAN RUNNING THE RACE? The "Tuesday" fortnightly Home Group is starting up again, but with some changes. Initially we will be meeting on THURSDAYS at 2.00pm in St John's Lower Room. So why not give it a try and come and join us? We start THIS THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER and will be studying various Bible characters. Peter Rich.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH MEMORIAL GARDEN - PRAYER WALK The first prayer stone has now been inscribed and placed in the Prayer Walk. Due to your generosity, a second stone can now be inscribed in memory of those we have lost. Memorial stones in the Prayer Walk can always be added in memory of those we have loved.

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.

LET THERE BE LIGHT! The Sisters of CSMV invite you to join them to hear choral evensong in St Mary's Chapel at the Convent in Wantage (4pm) 24th October. The service will celebrate the renewal of the lighting in the chapel. Please arrive by 3.50pm to be shown to the chapel. Afterwards, tea and cake.

COLLEGE OF ST GEORGE (Windsor Castle).

Every week in St George's Chapel, prayers are said for one of the Dean & Canon's patronages. Please let the parishioners of The Vale Benefice Churches know that prayers will be said for them, particularly on 31st October 2021, and convey to them the good wishes of all at St George's.

REMINDER STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 16th October, Stanford in the Vale village hall, 8:30am.

CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK is planned for Saturday 23 October at 9am from Chilton Church. The walk will be around Scutchamer Knob (out via Gore Hill) and is about 10km or 6miles long. Contact the church office for more information.

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

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

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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Friends and Family mourning for Jean Wright.

Those being blessed in our Benefice Churches

Those living at Halls Lane in East Hanney; Colinsmith Drive, Teal Close, and Collett Way in Grove; W&G Estate and Old School Lane in East Challow.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 57	2 Kings 17.24–end	Philippians 1.1–11
Tue	Psalm 63	2 Kings 18.1–12	Philippians 1.12–end
Wed	Psalm 68	2 Kings 18.13–end	Philippians 2.1–13
Thu	Psalm 72	2 Kings 19.1–19	Philippians 2.14–end
Fri	Psalm 76	2 Kings 19.20–36	Philippians 3.1–4.1
Sat	Psalm 80	2 Kings 20	Philippians 4.2–end

