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ALTHOUGH  
HE WAS A SON,

HE LEARNED  
OBEDIENCE

THROUGH WHAT  
HE SUFFERED.

HEBREWS 5:8



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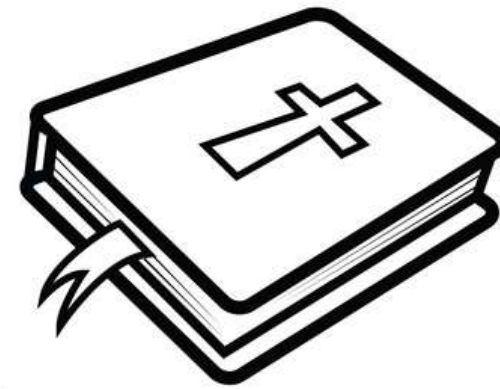
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VALE BENEFICE  
NEWSLETTER



Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

*Psalm 91: 9 – 16 | Isaiah 53: 4 – 12 | Hebrews 5: 1 – 10 | Mark 10: 35 – 45*

Monday is St Luke's Day, when we remember that Luke the gospel writer and beloved physician. So, it's appropriate that especially this year we thank God for all doctors, nurses, hospital staff and carers, who have worked without let-up for 18 months. Perhaps it's a time when we could all remember to say thank you to our health professionals, who risk their lives and exemplify service. The supreme example of servanthood is Jesus who endured the extremest suffering in order to be "a ransom for many", to "make many righteous" and to bring "eternal salvation". That is supremely good news (gospel). Thank you, Lord Jesus.

### Our Shared Worship Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### Upcoming Services Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October

- 8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Holy Communion at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev John Durant
- 10am Morning Worship & ZOOM at St Johns, Grove – Sue Powditch (LLM)
- 10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill
- 11.15am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill
- 6pm Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

## BENEFICE NEWS

**EAST CHALLOW PCC MEETING** will be on 19th October.

**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.

**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](mailto: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? Peter Rich.

**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.

**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.

**CRAFT, CREAM TEAS & CREATIVITY Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PAPERBACK BOOKS** we would like a few unwanted paperback books - around the 200-page size is ideal but others can be used - for a craft activity for adults on the 30th October. To be left either in the St John's Rooms or on Sue Powditch's my porch.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, and convey to them the good wishes of all at St George's.

**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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> November

**ITEMS NEEDED for local families in need:** Warm boys' clothes (4–7-year-old age range). Warm clothes for girls (6-8 years age range). Clothes for a mum (size 6). If you can help, please contact Andrea Morgan on 07732 433625 or email me at [andreamoki@hotmail.com](mailto:andreamoki@hotmail.com) Many thanks for your continued support.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If anyone has specific prayer requests, please confidentially to; [prayer@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@valebenefice.org.uk)

**NEWSLETTER** please send notices to; [news@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:news@valebenefice.org.uk) by 10pm on a Wednesday. Only include personal information if you consent to it being published.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**Health and healing:** Lesley Hummerston.

**Families dealing with difficult circumstances:** please pray for Christa Fernandez and her family.

**Friends and Family mourning:** for Jean Wright.

**Those having their Banns read:** in our Benefice Churches.

**Those living at:** Morlands and Steventon Road in East Hanney; Sycamore Walk, Colne Close and Swan Close in Grove; Hedge Hill Road in East Challow.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 91	2 Kings 21.1–18	1 Timothy 1.1–17
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 96	2 Kings 22.1–23.3	1 Timothy 1.18–end of 2
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 103	2 Kings 23.4–25	1 Timothy 3
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 105	2 Kings 23.36–24.17	1 Timothy 4
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 107	2 Kings 24.18–25.12	1 Timothy 5.1–16
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 111	2 Kings 25.22–end	1 Timothy 5.17–end

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

*(Starting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct)*

<b>Mon</b>	10am	<b>GroW:</b> Toddler "Stay & Play" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
	1.30pm	<b>Funeral for Jean Wright</b> , Grove Church (and hall after)
	7pm	1st Grove Guides, St John's Hall
<b>Tue</b>	10am	<b>GroW:</b> Toddler "Stay & Play" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
	10am	Simply Singing Group, St John's Rooms
	10am	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney</b>
	1pm	U3A, St John's Hall
	6.30pm	Chess Club, St John's Rooms
	7pm	2nd Grove Guides, St John's Hall
	7pm	East Challow PCC Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	9.30am	St John's Toddlers Group, St John's Hall
	6pm	Open table, Cornerstone, Grove
	8pm	20s and 30 Group, Grove
<b>Thu</b>	9.30am	White Horse Extend (over 60's) Exercise, St John's Hall
	10am	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow</b>
	2pm	Home Group, St John's Hall
	5.30pm	1st Grove Brownies, St John's Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Hall
<b>Fri</b>	9.45 - 11.45am	<b>GroW:</b> Parenting Course.
<b>Sat</b>	10 – 4pm	First Aid course, Grove Church Hall
<b>Sun</b>		<i>Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet</i>
	7pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Hall