

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

(Starting on Monday 1st Nov)

Mon	10am	GroW: Toddler “Stay & Play” Group, St John’s Hall (advance bookings only)
	10am	U3A Art Group, St John’s Rooms
	12.30pm	Burial of Charlie McMahon at St John’s churchyard
	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 Rooms
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney
Wed	6pm	Open Table Meeting, Cornerstone, Grove
	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	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St John’s, Grove
	8pm	20s and 30 Group, Grove
	9.30am	White Horse Extend (over 60’s) Exercise, St John’s Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
Fri	2pm	Home Group, St John’s Rooms
	5.30pm	1st Grove Brownies, St John’s Hall
	8pm	St John’s Badminton Group, St John’s Hall
	9.45-11.45am	GroW: Parenting Course.
Sat	12.30pm	GroW Baby Massage Group, St John’s Rooms
	2pm	Friends on Friday, St John’s Church Hall
Sun	“Bell Peal” at St James the Great, W.Hanney	
	9.30am	NCT, St John’s Church Hall
Sun	1pm	Wedding at St James the Great, W. Hanney.
	<i>Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet</i>	
	3.30pm	Service of Memories, St Nicholas Church, E. Challow
	7pm	Senior Youth Group, St John’s Hall

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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



Sunday 31st October 2021

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 119:1-8 | Deuteronomy 6:1-9 | Hebrews 9:11-14 | Mark 12:28-34

As we’re reminded on every side, Sunday is All Hallows’ Eve, the day before All Saints’ Day, the time to remember Christians, past and present, who have blessed us by their ex-ample, teaching and prayers. We all have people who have inspired and encouraged us. Let’s thank God for them today. Here’s the prayer of English saint, Richard of Chichester: “Thanks be to thee, my Lord, Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou has borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day.”

REMINDER: - CLOCKS GO BACK

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 31st October

- 8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Chris Aston
- 10am All Age Service & **ZOOM** Service at St Johns, Grove – Dr Sarah Shackleton
- ~~10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – **Cancelled**~~
- 11.15am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Chris Ashton
- 6pm Evening Worship Service at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

Upcoming Services

Sunday 7th November

- 8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Chris Aston
- 10am Holy Communion & **ZOOM** at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill
- 11.15am Holy Communion at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill
- 3.30pm Service of Memories at St Nicholas, East Challow
- 6pm Evening Worship Service at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

CLOCKS GO BACK ON SUNDAY 31st October

REMINDER: THIS Saturday 30th October (2pm – 4.30pm) at St John's Church is **CRAFT, CREAM TEAS & CREATIVITY** in St John's Hall and Rooms, in aid of St John's Church. Please do come along and enjoy. Thank you.

SERVICE OF MEMORIES Sunday 7th November (3.30pm) at St Nicholas Church, East Challow. All welcome.

GROVE CE SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING Monday 8th November (9am – 9.30am) in the St John's Rooms (Upper or Lower Room to be confirmed).

RIDE AND STRIDE 2021 – We are pleased to report that Val Smith, Peter Rich and Terry Mawdesley raised £600 this year! They would like to thank all those who sponsored them.

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.

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.

CORNERSTONE BIRTHDAY - This November the Cornerstone celebrates its 26th birthday. Do come along and join us on **Saturday 20th November** between 2-4pm for free tea/coffee and cake and help us celebrate and give thanks for all that Cornerstone has done and meant to so many people over the years.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTMAS MENU is now available and bookings are being taken for Friday 3rd, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 15th December. Do book soon to avoid disappointment. Tel: 01235 772280. Email: office@cornerstonegrove.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.

ITEMS NEEDED for local families in need: Warm boys' clothes (4–7-year-old age range). Warm clothes for girls (5-8 years age range). Warm tops, jumpers, cardigans and a coat for a mum (size 6). If you can help, please contact Andrea Morgan on 07732 433625 or email me at andreamoki@hotmail.com. Many thanks for your continued support.

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



OHCT, who have made generous Grants to 3 of our Benefice Churches are selling Christmas cards to both support their work and inform about it. They are in packs of 10 cards for £5 per pack - if you would like to order some please contact Alison Trowell on 868131 or alison.trowell@btinternet.com.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing Lesley Hummerston, Alan Rolls, Norah Lunn and Ursula Geer.

Friends and Family mourning: for Jean Wright, Matthew Godwin, Andy Clegg, Baby Joel Barima Mann-Mensah, and Sacki Fernandez.

The COP26 taking place between 31 October and 12 November 2021

Those getting married in our Benefice Churches.

Those living at Ashfield Road in East Hanney; De Vitre Place, Station Road and Denchworth Road in Grove; Reynolds Way and Sarajac Avenue in East Challow.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 3	Judith 10	2 Timothy 4.1–8
Tue	Psalm 10	Judith 11	2 Timothy 4.9–end
Wed	Psalm 16	Judith 12	Titus 1
Thu	Psalm 20	Judith 13	Titus 2
Fri	Psalm 25	Judith 15.1–13	Titus 3
Sat	Psalm 31	Judith 15.14–end of 16	Philemon

Wantage Baptist

Light Party

SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2021
6 MILL STREET, WANTAGE

For school years 1 - 9
Fun, games and fabulous food, all for FREE!

Visit www.wantagebaptist.org.uk/light-party-2021/
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1. Open your phone camera
2. Point it at the pattern ▶
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