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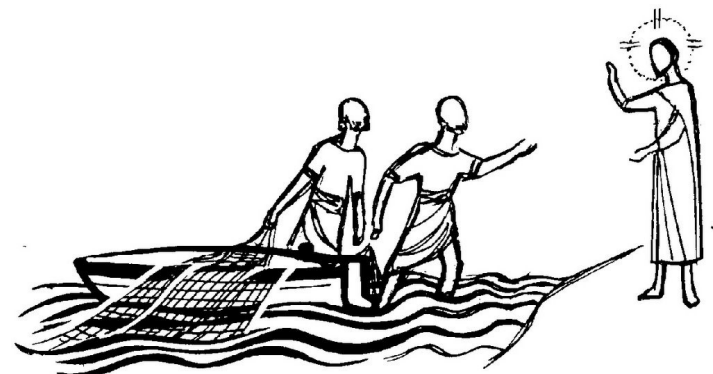
**Health and healing** Lesley Hummerston, Alan Rolls, Norah Lunn and Ursula Geer.

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

**The COP26** taking place between 31 October and 12 November 2021

**Those getting married or Blessed** in our Benefice Churches.

**Those living at** Bramley Close in East Hanney; St John's Road, Easterfield and St Ives Road in Grove; Hill Close and Windmill Place in East Challow.



## Sunday 7th November 2021

### Fourth Sunday before Advent

*Psalm 62:5-12 | Johah 3:1-5,10 | Hebrews 9:24-28 | Mark 1:14-20*

More solemn readings this Sunday. They're about judgement and repentance. Our actions matter. They matter here on earth and they matter to God. Because He cares, "He repays to all according to their work", says David. Yet, the writer to the Hebrews tells us that Christ was "offered once to bear the sins of many". What does this mean for us during COP26? The people of Nineveh got the point. The first disciples got the point. Repentance means decisive action. Let's pray that the world's leaders resolve to take decisive action on our behalf, and let's ourselves do whatever we can to love our global neighbour in practice.

### Our Shared Worship

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Upcoming Services

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November (Remembrance Sunday)

- 8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton
- 9.30am Remembrance Service at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
- 9.45am Act of Remembrance at St James, Denchworth – Rev John Durant
- 10am Remembrance Service & **ZOOM** at St Johns, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton
- 11am Act of Remembrance & 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant
- 2pm Blessing and Thanksgiving of a child
- 2.30pm Grove Parish Council Act of Remembrance – Rev Chris Ashton
- 6pm Evening Worship at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

FOR CHRIST HAS ENTERED  
NOT INTO HOLY PLACES MADE WITH HANDS,  
WHICH ARE COPIES OF  
THE TRUE THINGS  
BUT INTO HEAVEN ITSELF,  
NOW TO APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE  
OF GOD  
ON OUR BEHALF.  
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## BENEFICE NEWS

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

**GROVE CE SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November (9am – 9.30am) in the St John's Rooms (Lower Room). All Welcome.

**SAMARITANS PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** 15<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at GROVE** 14<sup>th</sup> November (10am Service) – Please be aware that the car park at St John's Church will be restricted to blue badge holders only as the uniformed organisations will be assembling in the car park before the service this year. Thank you for your understanding.

**THANK YOU** a huge thank you to Sue Powditch and all those involved in the Craft and Cream Teas event, as well as all of those of you who came along helping to raise over £640 towards church funds.

### ADVENT COURSE – THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

How can we have HOPE in these challenging times and specifically as well look at the themes of ADVENT. Being held on Tuesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm in St John's rooms.

Also being held on Zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesdays 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**PRAYER MEETING - WANTAGE BAPTIST CHURCH** is hosting a prayer meeting on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30-11:30am, with coffee after, if anyone would like to stay. It's an open prayer time for the nation, community and local churches. ALL WELCOME.

**CORNERSTONE BIRTHDAY** - This November the Cornerstone celebrates its 26<sup>th</sup> birthday. Do come along and join us on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Do book soon to avoid disappointment. Tel: 01235 772280. Email: [office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk](mailto:office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk)

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



**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](mailto:alison.trowell@btinternet.com).

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

(Starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov)

<b>Mon</b>	9am	Grove CE School prayer meeting, St John's Rooms
	10am	<b>GroW:</b> Toddler "Stay & Play" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
<b>Tue</b>	10am	U3A Genealogy Group, St John's Rooms
	12.45pm	<b>GroW:</b> "Bumps & Babies" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
	7pm	1st Grove Guides, St John's Hall
	8pm	Grove PCC meeting, St John's Rooms
<b>Wed</b>	9.30am-11am	Make & Bake for under 5's at Cornerstone, Grove
	10am	<b>GroW:</b> Toddler "Stay & Play" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
	10am	Simply Singing Group, St John's Rooms
<b>Thu</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney</b>
	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
	7.30pm	Trefoil Guild Meeting, St John's Rooms
<b>Fri</b>	8pm	20s and 30 Group, Grove
	9.30am	White Horse Extend (over 60's) Exercise, St John's Hall
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow</b>
	5.30pm	1st Grove Brownies, St John's Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Hall
<b>Sun</b>	9.45-11.45am	<b>GroW:</b> Parenting Course, St John's Hall
	12.30pm	<b>GroW:</b> Baby Massage Group, St John's Rooms
<b>Sun</b>	9.30am	<b>NCT</b> , St John's Hall
	<i>Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet</i>	
	2pm	Blessing and Thanksgiving of a child, St John's Church
	2.30pm	Blessing & Thanksgiving Reception, St John's Hall
	6.30pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Hall

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 2	Daniel 1	Revelation 1
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 5	Daniel 2.1–24	Revelation 2.1–11
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 9	Daniel 2.25–end	Revelation 2.12–end
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 15	Daniel 3.1–18	Revelation 3.1–13
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 16	Daniel 3.19–end	Revelation 3.14–end
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 18.31-end	Daniel 4.1–18	Revelation 4