



Sunday 14th November 2021

Third Sunday before Advent

Daniel 12:1-3 | Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25 | Mark 13:1-8

This weekend we remember all those countless men and women who have been killed, injured or traumatised by war. We remember their families and all who mourn and remember them every day. We remember all who are suffering in this Pandemic, who likewise bear such grief, illness and loss.

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 14th November (Remembrance Sunday)

- 8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton
- 9.45am Act of Remembrance at St James, Denchworth – Rev John Durant
- 10am Remembrance Service & **ZOOM** at St Johns, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton
- 10.45am RBL Service of Remembrance (Drumhead Service) at Hanney.
- 11am Act of Remembrance & 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant
- 2pm Blessing and Thanksgiving of a child, St John's, Grove
- 2.30pm Grove Parish Council Act of Remembrance – Rev Chris Ashton
- 6pm Evening Worship Service at St John's, Grove – Rev John Durant

Upcoming Services

Sunday 21st November

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

BENEFICE NEWS

At our **Grove PCC** we agreed an updated use of halls policy, passed resolutions to lay paving stones and replace the rooms fire exit, received the financial budget and discussed how we could encourage giving, discussed our risks assessments about Covid and live streaming.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at GROVE will be in church. The car park at St John's will be restricted to blue badge holders only. The uniformed organisations will be assembling in the car park before the service this year. Thanks for understanding.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at HANNEY is an outdoor service with Uniformed Organisations and Silver Band.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at DENCHWORTH is an outdoor service with the Beavers Uniformed Organisations.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at E. CHALLOW is an Act of Remembrance outside by the Lychgate before the 11.15am service in church.

BENEFICE 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 23rd & 30th Nov 7th & 14th Dec at 2pm in St John's rooms. Also being held on Zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesdays 24th Nov, 1st, 8th & 15th Dec. Please let the office know if you can attend the session on Tuesdays in the Rooms.

BIBLE STUDY There will be an afternoon Bible Study group on Thursday 18th November meeting in St John's Rooms at 2pm. All are welcome to join us. Peter and Angela

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 SPECIALS On non-Christmas lunch days during December, we will have our Christmas specials menu available. Book a table for 6 or more and receive a free jug of mulled punch and crackers.

AT ST NICHOLAS as probably in the other churches of the Benefice, we have been praying for the people in Afghanistan since US troops left. On the radio this week John Simpson, a very experienced BBC reporter, was in tears as he described the plight of the Afghan people. Later David Milliband, now CEO of the International Relief Committee explained about the work of this organisation in Afghanistan and in other countries in need around the world. If either the organisation or David Milliband are 'googled', it is possible to donate to their work in Afghanistan or their work around the world. Many thanks.

STREET PASTORS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED as **"prayer support"** people to help with Street Pastors. To find out more information and if you can help, please contact Nigel Watt nigel@nigel-watt.org.uk Thank you.

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.

SPIN DRYER REQUEST Has anyone got a small spin dryer they no longer need or use for a Syrian refugee family? If so, please contact Peter or Angela Rich 411315.

TOYS, VOUCHERS & DONATIONS for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS (for The LITTLE PEOPLE's local families in need) are now being collected at the Benefice Office at St John's Church, Grove. We are also collecting wrapping paper if you have any to donate. Please no Cheques. Many thanks for your generous donations already.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Acacia UK – Action for Children and Communities in Africa, an Oxfordshire based charity who help enable children in East Africa gain has a charity shop based in Millbrook square in Grove and would really like to build up some support within the community. If you are able to help them out by volunteering, please contact the office

SAMARITANS PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 15th -22nd November will be National Shoebox Collection Week. We have been supporting this wonderful initiative in our Benefice Churches. [Samaritans-Purse.org.uk](https://www.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 FRIDAY 12th November.**

OXFORD HEALTH COMMUNITY SERVICES STRATEGY WORKSHOP on Wednesday 8th December 2021. Oxford Health is holding a workshop on Wednesday 8th December at which carers, friends and family members of patients can share their experiences of accessing health services and help shape future plans for the county's community services.

<https://healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/news/oxford-health-community-services-strategy-workshop-on-wednesday-8th-december/>

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

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, Nancy Whitley, Sacki Fernandez, Barry Hambleton and Peter Arnold.

Those being Baptised or Blessed in our Benefice Churches.

Those living at Northmead Road in Denchworth; The Mulberries and Main Street in East Hanney; Edington Place, Shepherds Close and Elswith Close in Grove.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 2	Daniel 4.19–end	Revelation 5
Tue	Psalm 5	Daniel 5.1–12	Revelation 6
Wed	Psalm 9	Daniel 5.13–end	Revelation 7.1–4, 9–end
Thu	Psalm 15	Daniel 6	Revelation 8
Fri	Psalm 16	Daniel 7.1–14	Revelation 9.1–12
Sat	Psalm 18.31-end	Daniel 7.15–end	Revelation 9.13–end

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

(Starting on Monday 15th Nov) please bring in shoe boxes this week!

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	9.30am-11am	Make & Bake for under 5’s at Cornerstone, Grove.
	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
	1pm	U3A Meeting, St John’s Hall
	6pm	Silver Grove Beaver’s, Faith Badge, St John’s Church
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
	6.00pm	open Table Meeting, Cornerstone, Grove
Thu	8pm	20s and 30s Group, Grove
	9.30am	White Horse Extend (over 60’s) Exercise, St John’s Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	2.00pm	Bible Study (Home Group), St John’s Rooms, Grove
	5.30pm	1st Grove Brownies, St John’s Hall
Fri	8pm	St John’s Badminton Group, St John’s Hall
	9.45-11.45am	GroW: Parenting Course, St John’s Hall
	12.30pm	GroW: Baby Massage Group, St John’s Rooms
	2pm	Friends on Friday, Holy Communion, St John’s Hall,
Sat	1pm	Blessing & Thanksgiving for a child, St Nicholas, Challow
	2pm – 4pm	Cornerstone’s 26 th Birthday tea & cake at Cornerstone
	2.30-4.30pm	Child’s party in St John’s Church hall
Sun	<i>Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet</i>	
	6.30pm	Senior Youth Group, St John’s Hall

A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



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