

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

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

Those being Baptised and Blessed in our Benefice Churches.

Those living at Letcombe Hill in East Challow; Brookside in East Hanney; North Green in West Hanney; Sharland Close, Evenlode Close and Shannon Close in Grove.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 47	Daniel 8.1–14	Revelation 10
Tue	Psalm 52	Daniel 8.15–end	Revelation 11.1–14
Wed	Psalm 56	Daniel 9.1–19	Revelation 11.15–end
Thu	Psalm 62	Daniel 9.20–end	Revelation 12
Fri	Psalm 63	Daniel 10.1–11.1	Revelation 13.1–10
Sat	Psalm 78.1-39	Daniel 12	Revelation 13.11–end



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Sunday 21st November 2021

Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 | Revelation 1:4b-8 | John 18:33-37

Before Advent Sunday and the weeks leading to Christmas, we celebrate Christ the King. As another dark and uncertain winter draws in, it's good to know that the Lord is king. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. He is the Beginning and the End of everything.

And a reminder: it's also Stir Up Sunday! "Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Saturday 20th November

1pm Blessing & Thanksgiving of a child at St Nicholas Church, E. Challow

Our Shared Worship

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 with Rev John Durant and Dr Sarah Shackleton

Upcoming Services

Sunday 28th November

- 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 Morning Worship & ZOOM at St Johns, Grove – Sue Powditch (LLM)
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant
- 6pm Advent Carols at St James, Denchworth – Rev John Durant

BENEFICE NEWS

We want to welcome all to our church services in the Benefice in a way that is safe and sensitive to the variety of people's needs and views. Each church has slightly different ways of doing this so if you wish to attend but have any concerns, please contact that particular church.

BENEFICE ADVENT COURSE – THE CHRISTIAN HOPE How can we have HOPE in these challenging times and specifically as we 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 advise the office if you would like the link to join the zoom sessions.
- Please advise the office if you want to attend the sessions on Tuesdays in the St John's Rooms.

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.

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.

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.

SAMARITANS PURSE (OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD) National Shoebox Collection Week (15th -22nd November). Thank you to everyone in the Vale Benefice and our local schools who have so generously donated this year. At least 70 boxes will go from this area! Thank you so much.

If you have any filled boxes left to donate, please take them to The Kings Centre (official Collection Centre) by Monday 22nd November (10am -4pm). Please do not leave any at St John's Church now, as we have now passed our collections on to the distribution centres. Thanks!

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/>

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.

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). If you can help, please contact Andrea Morgan on 07732 433625 or email me at andreamoki@hotmail.com. Many thanks for your continued support.

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.

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.

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.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

(Starting on Monday 22nd Nov)

Mon	10am	GoW: Toddler "Stay & Play" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
	10am	U3A science Group -St John's rooms
	12.45pm	GoW: "Bumps & Babies" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
Tue	7pm	1st Grove Guides, St John's Hall
	9.30am-11am	Make & Bake for under 5's at Cornerstone, Grove.
	10am	GoW: 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
	11.30am	Funeral for Nancy Whitley, W. Hanney Church
	2pm	Advent Course – St John's Rooms
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
	2pm	Commissioning Service for Rachel, St Mary's Convent
	7.30pm	Hanney PCC Meeting (on Zoom)
	7.30pm	Advent Course (on Zoom)
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
	5.30pm	1st Grove Brownies, St John's Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Hall
Fri	9.45-11.45am	GoW: Parenting Course, St John's Hall
	12.30pm	GoW: Baby Massage Group, St John's Rooms
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