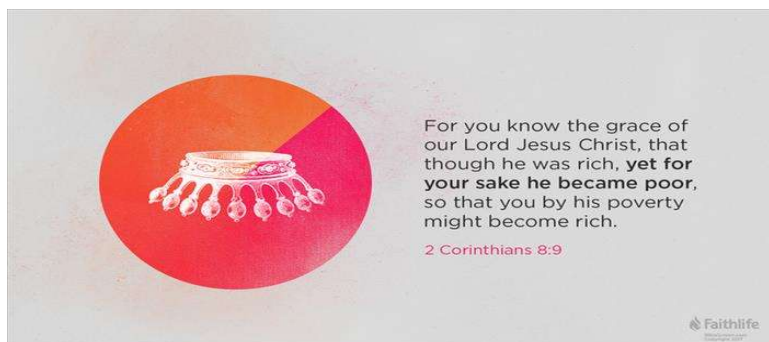


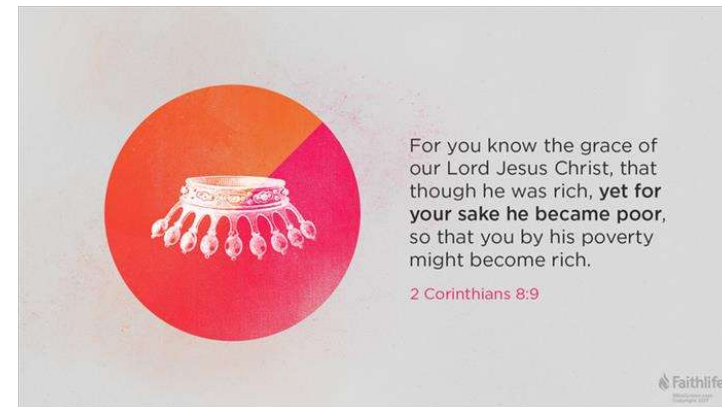
DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 10th Jan)

Mon	10am	GroW: Toddler "Stay & Play" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
	10am	U3A Genealogy Group – St John's Rooms
	12.45pm	GroW: "Bumps & Babies" Group, St John's Hall (advance bookings only)
	7pm	1st Grove Guides, St John's Hall, Grove
	8pm	Grove PCC in the St John's Rooms, Grove
Tue	9.30am	"Make & Bake", 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
	6.30pm	Chess Club, St John's Rooms
	7pm	2nd Grove Guides, St John's Hall
Wed	9.30am	St John's Toddlers Group, St John's Hall
	7.30pm	Trefoil Guild, St John's Rooms
	8pm	20s and 30s Group, Zoom
Thu	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
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



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Sunday 9th January 2022

Baptism of Christ

Isaiah 62:1-5 | 2 Corinthians 8: 10 - 15 | John 2:1-11

Although we've just celebrated his birth, Jesus was not baptised as a baby. As a Jew he was circumcised seven days and dedicated 40 days after being born. Today we recall his baptism when he was about 30 years old. John announces that Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. It's how he will change the world - even through us. Desmond Tutu's burning passion for justice and reconciliation was ignited when he saw that Bishop Trevor Huddleston always raised his hat to Tutu's mother, who was just a humble cleaner. Whether we have much or little, the Holy Spirit can use our smallest acts of respect and love far more than we ask or imagine.

Our Shared Worship Sunday 9th January

8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev Chris Ashton
9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Velma Oxley
10am Whole Family Service & **Zoom** at St Johns church, Grove, with Sue Powditch (LLM) & Dr Sarah Shackleton
10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Chris Ashton
11am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Chris Ashton
6pm Evening Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

Upcoming Services Sunday 16th January

8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
10am Holy Communion & **Zoom** at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Chris Ashton
11am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill
6pm Evening Prayer at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant & Rev Chris Ashton

BENEFICE NEWS

COVID UPDATE The government mandate that people are to be masked in indoor public venues (including places of worship). Our overall desire is to be as considerate to one another as possible. We still aim to offer a Zoom or livestream version of the service at Grove wherever possible. Whatever your situation, God bless you.

EAST CHALLOW SUNDAY SERVICES will start at 11am from January 2022 (instead of 11.15am).

REFRESHMENTS AT GROVE after the 10am Sunday church services will be paused for the time being. We will let you know when they will resume. Thank you for your understanding.

THE GROVE CHURCH “MESSAGE BOOK” is situated on the Welcome Table in the church Foyer. If you have non-**confidential** information that you would like to share / ask the office, vicars or volunteers who take care of the church and its grounds, please write a note in the book with a date, your name and the specific issue, problem or information **clearly** mentioned. We will then check the book at the beginning of each week & pass the information on to the relevant people. Thank you.

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP at St John’s Church Rooms, Grove, will resume this New Year at 6.30pm on Sunday 16th January 2022.

LITTLE PEOPLE: “Christmas Presents” (for local families in need)
Thank you all so very much for all your generous donations towards the Little People “Christmas Presents” initiative. Toys, vouchers, gift cards, Christmas food goodies and monetary donations poured in and we were able to provide for over 36 families at Christmas this year! This made a massive difference to so many families in our local community and we thank you for your immense kindness and generosity.

CORNERSTONE - The Cornerstone is open. We look forward to seeing you again this New Year.

BOOKS FOR ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL: St Nicholas school have an Amazon Wish list full of wonderful books to add to their class reading corners, if you would like to purchase one, please follow this link: <https://amzn.eu/eCJ6pSi>

Grow FAMILIES are starting a new programme for parents in January 2022. The **Nurturing Programme** is a 10-week parenting programme that improves the emotional health of both adults and children and strengthens **family relationships**. Email contact@growfamilies.co.uk to find out more and to reserve your space. www.growfamilies.co.uk

STREET PASTORS - VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY 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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS The Bulpitt’s new address: 12 Oxford Square, Watchfield, SN68TB. No landline number/mobile numbers same.

CD PLAYER / MINI SYSTEM TO DONATE? If anyone has one spare that they could donate, please let Rev Alec Gill know on 07739 563894 or email on: vicaralec@valebenefice.org.uk Many thanks.

USED STAMPS for Denchworth Church Please don’t throw away old/used stamps! Please leave with the Benefice Office to help raise money for Denchworth church. Stamps that are left on envelopes sometimes raise more money! Thank you.

USED STAMPS for the Leprosy Mission Please leave at Benefice Office for Peter Rich. Used stamps can help transform the life of someone affected by leprosy.

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

Friends & Family mourning: for Kitty, Leone Smith, Nancy Whitley, Barry Hambleton & Peter Arnold.

Those working in the NHS or as health care providers in our communities, in our hospitals, nursing/care homes, day care centers and other facilities.

Those returning to work, nurseries, pre-schools, primary schools, senior schools, further education of all types.

Those living at Faringdon Road and Field Gardens in East Challow; Ebbs Lane in East Hanney; Glebe Gardens, Peregrine Way and Pound Croft in Grove.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 2	Genesis 1.1–19	Matthew 21.1–17 1
Tue	Psalm 9	Genesis 1.20–2.3	Matthew 21.18–32 1
Wed	Psalm 20	Genesis 2.4–end	Matthew 21.33–end 1
Thu	Psalm 21	Genesis 3	Matthew 22.1–14 1
Fri	Psalm 67	Genesis 4.1–16, 25–26	Matthew 22.15–33 1
Sat	Psalm 33	Genesis 6.1–10	Matthew 22.34–end