

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**Health and healing:** Janet Causer, Dorothy Hadcroft, Ari Psaras, Laura Challis, Lesley Hummerston, Richard Hummerston, Ursula Geer, Barbara Boulter, Pam Blustin

**Friends & Family mourning:** Christine Alder, Madeleine Radband, Elizabeth Tulley, Derek Howe, Dinah Moss, Rodney Hunt, and Mel Britton.

**The family of** Evelyn Naylor being Baptised at W. Hanney.

**Those living at** Barn Close & Rose Terrace in Denchworth; Winter Lane in West Hanney; and Boucher Close, White Horse Crescent & Brereton Drive in Grove.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 16th May)*

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – please support in any way you can.**

<b>Mon</b>	10am	U3A Genealogy Group - St John's rooms
	10am & 12.45	Grow toddlers and Grow Babies, St John's Hall
	7pm	1st Grove Guides, St John's Hall
<b>Tue</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Make and Bake at Cornerstone, Grove
		No Singing Group, St John's Rooms, Grove
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney</b>
	2pm	U3A meeting in St John's Hall
	7pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grove Guides
<b>Wed</b>	7.30pm	Deanery Synod - Grove church
	9.15am	St John's Toddlers, St John's Hall
	10.30am	Chapter meeting - St John's Rooms
<b>Thu</b>	8pm	20s and 30s homegroup, Zoom
	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, St John's Hall
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow</b>
<b>Fri</b>	5.30pm	Brownies, St John's Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Hall
	2pm	<b>Friends on Friday Holy Communion, St John's Hall</b>
<b>Sat</b>	8.30am	Saturday Morning Prayers, St John's Rooms
	9am-10.30am	GMA Children's training, St John's Hall
	2pm	Tea party at Cornerstone, Grove
<b>Sun</b>	2pm-4.30pm	Private Party, St John's Hall
		Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet
	2.30pm	Blessing & Thanksgiving, Grove Church
	6.30pm	Senior Youth Club, St John's Hall

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Love one another.

## Sunday 15th May 2022

### The Fifth Sunday in Easter

*Psalm 148 | Revelation 21:1-6 | Acts 11:1-18 | John 13:31-35*

What a brilliant set of readings this week! God's purpose from beginning to end is break down the barriers of our making, between humans and creation, ourselves, and each other, and between us and Himself. His ultimate aim is to make "his home among mortals". That time will burst all bounds of human imagination - no tears of sadness, no division, no death. Until then we have Jesus' rule of the kingdom - on earth as in heaven: "...love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Let's pray the "Our Father" in action and in spirit. Doesn't the world need it?

### Our Shared Worship

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney  
(With Baptism) – Rev Alec Gill

10am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Peter Rich

11am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill

6pm Grove Evening Service – Rev John Durant

### Upcoming Services

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

8am Holy Communion at St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Charles Draper

10am Morning Worship at St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill

10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev John Durant

11am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant

6pm Grove Evening Service – Rev John Durant

## BENEFACTIVE NEWS

At our **Grove PCC** we appointed our treasurer and secretary, we reviewed the comments about this year's objectives of our vision, reviewed the safeguarding action plan including a commitment to safer recruiting, considered how we continue to readjust after Covid including thinking about sharing the common cup at our Patronal festival, were informed about the progress to the various jobs to maintain our building to a safe standard, agreed to get a second quote for the guttering on 2 Edington place and rent it when Chris Ashton moves, heard that our financial deficit is increasing and expressed a positive approach to planting fruit trees in the front section of the churchyard.

**AID COLLECTION AT ST NICHOLAS, EAST CHALLOW** The collection (apart from freewill offering envelopes) from our service at 11am on Sunday 15th May will be donated to the charity Christian Aid. It is hoped that gift aid envelopes will be available from the back of church for taxpayers to use if they wish.

**ST JOHN'S UPPER ROOM - Cupboard Sort out!** Sunday 15th May, after the 10am church service. If you are storing items for your groups, please come to dispose of items and label up a box with items you need storing with; GROUP NAME and DATE. If you cannot make Sunday 15th May, contact the office to book a time during office hours the following week. All items unclaimed by 22nd May will be disposed of. Many thanks.

**PLEASE PRAY** for Janet Causer receiving palliative care in Sobell House. Also remember her brothers and their families at this time. Many thanks.

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** (online) Zoom Service on Tuesday 26th May 2022 at 7pm with Rev John Durant.

**TEA AT CORNERSTONE** A reminder: everyone of all ages is invited to the St John's Tea Party from 2pm to 3pm on Saturday afternoon 21st May (and every 3rd Saturday), at Cornerstone Coffee shop, Savile Way. Hope to see you there. It's an opportunity to get to know each other better, even play a board game (bring your own) and to enjoy Cornerstone's fabulous cakes!

**PLATINUM JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL AND MEMORABILIA DISPLAY** East Challow are planning to have a Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival and Memorabilia Display in Church from Thursday 2nd June. Please contact Liz or Juliet if you would like to help decorate or could donate flowers. We want it to be as spectacular as possible. All will be welcome to come and view our lovely Church over the bank holiday.

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE** A Service of Thanksgiving at Wantage Parish Church on Wednesday 1st June at 7pm. All Welcome.

**SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS** Saturday Morning Prayers returns weekly (except the 2nd one of the month) in the St John's rooms, Grove. All welcome. Please contact Frances Gillott for more information. Tel: 763554.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP (THURSDAY AFTERNOON)** This fortnightly group starts at 2pm in St John's Rooms. Next meeting on 26th May. New members welcome. Contact Peter & Angela Rich  
Tel: 01235 411315.

**Grow FAMILIES** run FREE courses for parents and carers, providing strategies for dealing with the challenges of parenting for a calmer, happier family life. Find out more at: <https://www.growfamilies.co.uk/nurturing-programme-for-parents>

**OPEN THE BOOK: Challow** In term time a team from St Nicholas church go into school each week to lead an "Open the Book" assembly. We use a nationally recognised programme produced by the Bible Society and we tell the Bible stories in a dramatised way, with costumes and props. Due to retirements, house moves etc. our team is reduced. If you would like to join us, please contact Ruth Pepler 762197. All persons in the O T B team need to be D B S checked and registered with the school and OTB HQ for Safeguarding purposes.

**WOMEN'S GROUP:** You are welcome to join us to chat over a tea/coffee/cake, to deepen friendships and support each other. Sunday 29th May from 3-4.30pm in the church hall / St John's rooms and then on the last Sunday of every month.

**ST JOHN'S "CHURCH FETE" & "FILM NIGHT"** (25th June) **AND ST JOHN'S "CHURCH PICNIC"** (26th June) Please can we have new or nearly new gifts, tombola prizes, plants (flowers or veg), good quality children or adult books and toys, and children and adult clothing. I would really like to offer face painting if anyone is gifted in this area? We are creating flyers and will welcome people to distribute to their roads in the parish. Nearer the time we will be handing out plates to those of you who are able to bake cakes for our cake stall. We are really looking forward to the events of the patronal weekend and hope to attract many in our local community. Please speak to Nicky or the church office if you can help on the day. We need marshals, extra people on stalls and people to help set up and put away marquees and tables etc. Thank you, Nicky, and the fete team.

**MAKE & BAKE for the under 5's.** Held every Tuesday (9.30am – 11am) at Cornerstone in Grove **during term time**. £2 per child, which includes activities, story time and drink. No need to book just turn up.

**WANTAGE & GROVE FOODBANK** need a few more volunteers! We currently need: fortnightly help with deliveries, weekly help with shopping, & holiday cover for the collection of the Sainsbury's donations. You need to be reasonably fit & preferably have use of a car. If you are interested in helping us & serving the Lord in this way, please contact us at [wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com) for an application form. Thank you very much. Kind regards. Sue Pepler on behalf of the Wantage & Grove Foodbank.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If anyone has specific prayer requests, please send confidentially to; [prayer@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@valebenefice.org.uk)

**NEWSLETTER**, please send notices to [news@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:news@valebenefice.org.uk) by 10pm Wednesdays. Only include personal information if you consent to it being published.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 65	Numbers 16.1–35	Luke 6.27–38
Tue	Psalm 126	Numbers 16.36–end	Luke 6.39–end
Wed	Psalm 132	Numbers 17.1–11	Luke 7.1–10
Thu	ASCENSION DAY	ASCENSION DAY	ASCENSION DAY
Fri	Psalm 81	Numbers 20.1–13	Luke 7.11–17
Sat	Psalm 47	Numbers 21.4–9	Luke 7.18–35