



Sunday 26th June

Second Trinity Sunday and St John the Baptist Patronal Festival

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 | Psalm 16 | 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 | 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 | Galatians 5:1, 13-25 | Luke 9:51-end

It's the major season of ordinations in the Church of England. On Saturday 32 people will be ordained as deacons (apprentice priests) in Oxford cathedral. Our readings remind us of the joys and costs of ministry. Around this time we remember St Peter, St Paul and John the Baptist who all gave their lives for Christ. Jesus didn't mince his words! "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." We all have vocations to serve God - at home, at work, in our village, and even in our church! Let's pray for perseverance for ourselves and all the deacons.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 26th June

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

9.30am St James the Great, West Hanney – **No Service**

10am Patronal Festival (Holy Communion) at St Johns, Grove
with Rev John Durant and Rev Alec Gill

10am St James, Denchworth – **No Service**

11am St Nicholas, East Challow – **No Service**

6pm Evening Service, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

Sunday 3rd July

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

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

10am Family Communion and Baptism at St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

10am Holy Communion at St James, Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill

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

2.30pm Blessing & Thanksgiving of a child, St John's Church

6pm Evening Prayer, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

BENEFACTICE NEWS

DENCHWORTH PCC At our Denchworth PCC we agreed to replace the old yew tree in the churchyard with a new one; were pleased to hear that our financial situation is solvent and agreed to employ a treasurer; explore whether the organ be tuned and approved the Safeguarding and Data Privacy Policies.

W.HANNEY PCC At our Hanney PCC we heard reports about 1. finance and learned that will soon have a contact giving device; 2. children's work including a monthly family fun afternoon ; 3. St James Primary school; 4. the gradual progress about improving the facilities in our church building ; 5. were pleased to hear that the roof will be inspected by a drone this week and the Clappers will be replaced this Tuesday; 6. were grateful to the Hanney Holy Mowers ; 7. hoped to organise some sort of Harvest Celebration around the end of September and 8. thanked everybody who took part in the very successful platinum Jubilee fayre.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS There are vacancies for Foundation Governors in all our church schools in the Benefice as well as the new St John's Academy. A Foundation Governor needs to be interested in the Christian development of the school and pupils supporting the head and staff. The time commitment is about 6 hours a month.

REPLACEMENT of FOOTPATHS around St John's Church - now hoping it will start **on Monday 27th June** and will last for approx. 3 weeks. During this time part of the Church car park will be roped off for storage of materials, rubbish etc. There will also be no parking during the working day in the Church driveway to allow for deliveries and a safe working area. We will try and keep the two disabled parking spaces available, but we cannot always guarantee this. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

ST JOHN'S "FILM NIGHT" (25th June). Join us for 'Murder on The Orient Express'. St John's Church Hall, 7:30pm. Free entry / donations welcome. Please bring your drinks/snacks with you. Some refreshments will be available on the night.

ST JOHN'S "CHURCH PICNIC LUNCH (26th June). BYO picnic. All welcome.

ST John's Church Fete. A Huge "Thank you" to all helpers, those donating items & those who plan to come & support this. We have wonderful donations for our Raffle from our community and from our local Grove shops. Thank you so much everyone. Please pray the weather is good! *Please bring any spare plastic bags for our stall holders to offer to customers to take their purchases away with them. Thanks.*

ST JOHN'S CHURCH TODDLERS GROUP on Wednesdays (term-time) is a wonderful opportunity to welcome and share Christ's love to parents and very young children. We praise God for the willing helpers who make this happen. From September we will need some one or several people to

- Take responsibility to organise the team
- Be present each week to give continuity
- Offer craft activities for the children

Please pray that the Lord will lead some people to serve him in in this mission field.

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

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS weekly (except the 2nd one of the month) in the St John's rooms, Grove. All welcome.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP (Thursday afternoon) This fortnightly group starts at 2pm in St John's Rooms. Next meeting: 7th July. Contact P & A 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>.

ST JOHN'S CE ACADEMY New Primary CE School in Grove. Nursery & Reception places (2yrs +) on Wellington Gate development. Opening September 2023. Book onto one of our information events, search for St John's CE Academy, Grove on www.eventbrite.com Visit www.vale-academy.org/StJohnsCofEAcademy

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.

GROVE LIBRARY "Rhyme time 2022" Nursery rhymes, singing & movement for babies, toddlers & young children up to 5 years & parents/carers. (10.45am-11.15am) 12th July, 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November & 13th December.

ARRANGE for the FUTURE (Part of the St Peter & St Paul Festival) Wantage Parish Church embraces Sustainable Church Flowers. Sat. 25th June (10am–1pm). <https://wantageparish.com> Tel:765196.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP will not be happening this Sunday 26th June but will be back on again on Sunday 17th July instead.

CORNERSTONE NEWS The **hot meal special** for June will be served on **Wednesday 29th** and will be Beef Bourguignon - please do book this in advance so we know how many to cater for. We are now serving **Cream Teas** (£4.25pp) available any time and also **Full Afternoon Tea** (£14pp) for which pre-booking is essential. We have a good selection of cards and gifts suitable to give to **teachers** as a thank you at the end of term, as well as cards for **passing exams and graduating**. For more information see us on Facebook or our website www.cornerstonegrove.co.uk

MILLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL "Summer Fete" Sat 9th July (12 noon – 4pm). All Welcome.

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 75	2 Kings 2:15-22	1 John 2:7-11
Tue	Psalm 75	2 Kings 3:4-20	Ephesians 5:6-20
Wed	Psalm 75	2 Kings 4:1-7	Matthew 10:16-25
Thu	Psalm 30	1 Kings 4:8-17	Romans 7:14-25
Fri	Psalm 30	2 Kings 4:18-31	2 Corinthians 8:1-7
Sat	Psalm 30	2 Kings 4:32-37	Luke 9:1-6

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing: Dorothy, Ari, Laura, Ursula, Lesley, Richard, Barbara, Pam and Shelley.

Friends & Family mourning: Russel, Janet, Janet, Susan, Sheila, Shirley, Pamela, Derek, Derek, Christine, Madeleine, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Pam, Neil and Alan.

Those living at Berry Lane in East Hanney; Church Street in West Hanney; Cow Lane in Denchworth; Wessex Way, Broadmarsh Close & Brunel Way in Grove.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 27th June)*

Mon	8am	St John's Church car park closed (work on paths starts)
	10am & 12.45	Grow toddlers and Grow Babies, St John's Hall
	10am	U3A Science Group, St John's Rooms
	1pm	Funeral of Pamela Thompson (South Ox Crem)
	7pm	1st Grove Guides (elsewhere)
	7.30pm	Grow Parenting Course – St John's Rooms
	7.30pm	Visitation Service, St John's Church & Hall
Tue	9.30am	Make and Bake at Cornerstone, Grove
	10am	Singing Group, St John's Rooms, Grove
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney
	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Hall
Wed	9.15am	St John's Toddlers Group, St John's Hall
	8pm	20s and 30s homegroup, Zoom
Thu	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, St John's Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	5.30pm	Brownies, St John's Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Hall
Sat	8.30am	Saturday Morning Prayers, St John's Rooms
	11am	Blessing & Thanksgiving of a child, W.Hanney Church
Sun	Church services	for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet
	2.30pm	Private Blessing Party in St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Senior Youth Club, St John's Hall

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