

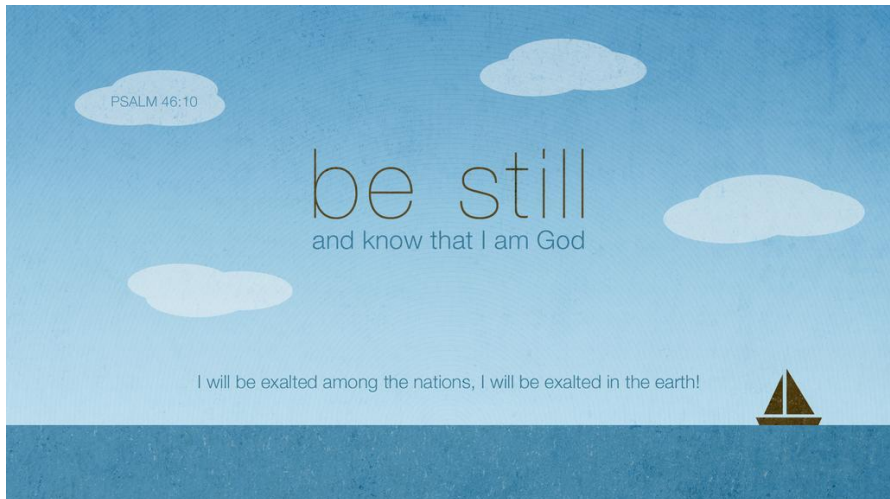
# VALE BENEFICE

## NEWSLETTER

### August 2022



A verse for this month from Psalm 46: “Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations.” And an Irish blessing for the holiday period: “May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sunshine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields, and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.”



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## Sunday Services in August

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant  
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Geoff Maughan  
10am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant  
10am Morning Prayer, St James, Denchworth – Rev Roy Phillips  
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Robert Teare  
3pm *Interment of ashes (Derek Allen), Hanney Churchyard – Rev John Durant*  
6pm Evening Prayer, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill  
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Velma Oxley  
10am Family Worship, St Johns, Grove – Sue Powditch (LLM)  
10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill  
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow - Rev Velma Oxley  
2.30pm, *Blessing & Thanksgiving for a child, St John's, Grove – Rev John Durant*  
6pm Evening Communion, St Johns, Grove - Rev John Durant

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove - Rev John Durant  
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James the Great, West Hanney – Rev Chris Ashton  
10am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove - Rev John Durant  
10am Morning Prayer (*with Baptism*), St James, Denchworth – Rev Roger Williams  
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow - Rev Chris Ashton  
6pm Evening Service, St Johns, Grove - Rev John Durant

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August

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

***(Services correct at the point of printing)***

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## DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	1pm	Funeral Service for Colin Gillott, St John's Church
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Worship Evening, St John's Church
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm	Funeral Service for Flora, St John's Church
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Thanksgiving for a child – St John's Church
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Thanksgiving for a child at home
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm	Private Party, St John's Church Hall
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am	Baptism of a child at St James Church, Denchworth
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	10am	Mid-week Holy Communion Service at E.Challow

### The following groups will still meet in August:

<b>Tue</b>	10am	Singing Group, St John's Rooms, Grove
<b>Wed</b>	8pm	20s and 30s life group, Zoom

# BENEFICE NEWS

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**A big THANK YOU** to Juliet Teare who is retiring from the Benefice Office as administrator. Juliet has served our four parishes and has helped unite us as a Benefice through her efficiency and practical common sense. The Ministry team and Churchwardens are grateful for all her hard work and commitment. Andrea Morgan will be increasing her hours to cover the workload.

**MID-WEEK SERVICES** There will be NO mid-week services across the Benefice churches in August.

**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, E. CHALLOW - Community Newsletter.** Our AUGUST issue is now available to read at <https://challownews.org/latest-issue>

**ALL VOLUNTEER ROTAS** at St John's Church. If you are on a Rota, please let us know your known absences for the next rota period (September – December inclusive) by 10<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you all for being on the rotas and for all that you do. If you would like to be on a rota, please do let us know as soon as possible (let us know your frequency & any dates you may be absent during that period). Swaps can be made if you find later on, that you are not able to do a slot you are rotered for.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** A “draft copy” is printed & in the church foyer. Please check your details are correct (write any amendments on it) before we do the final print. 😊

**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.

**WORSHIP EVENING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>** Come and join us at St John's church, for an evening of prayer and worship at 8pm on Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be an informal evening which aims to provide a space for personal prayer and reflection along with singing praises to God. We hope to see you there.

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

**FRIENDS on FRIDAY** will not be meeting in August. Resuming on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month from 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 2pm in the St John's Church Hall. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays are a Holy Communion Service.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP (Thursday afternoon)** This fortnightly group starts at 2pm in St John's Rooms. Not meeting in August. Meeting again on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Contact P & A Rich. Tel: 411315.

**BADMINTON** - St John's Church Group will not be meeting in August.

**BOARD GAMES AFTERNOONS** in the St John's Church Hall from 2pm-5pm.  
DATES: 18<sup>th</sup> September 9<sup>th</sup> October 20<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> January. All Welcome.

**WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP** will not be meeting in August. From September the group will meet from 3pm - 4.30pm on the First Sunday in each month in the hall. All ladies welcome.

**LITTLE PEOPLE** Thank you very much for all your kind donations.

### **MEALS for the Donegan family**

Ellie's hip surgery was on 1st August. Please continue to pray for the family. If you would like to prepare some meals for the Donegan family please contact Helen Harwood on [andrewandhelenharwood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andrewandhelenharwood@yahoo.co.uk) to discuss dietary requirements and the date you will be making a meal for. Please mark your email **Meals for Donegan family**, or text **07754 392890**. There are 4 adults and 1 child. Many thanks. Helen Harwood.

**CORNERSTONE NEWS** We are now serving **Cream Teas** (£4.25pp) available any time and **Full Afternoon Tea** (£14pp) for which pre-booking is essential.

We have a good selection of cards and gifts, as well as cards for **passing exams and graduating**. For more information see us on Facebook or our website [www.cornerstonegrove.co.uk](http://www.cornerstonegrove.co.uk)

**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](http://www.eventbrite.com). Visit [www.vale-academy.org/StJohnsCofEAcademy](http://www.vale-academy.org/StJohnsCofEAcademy)

**GROVE LIBRARY "Rhyme time 2022"** Nursery rhymes, singing & movement for babies, toddlers & young children up to 5 years & parents/carers. (10.45am-11.15am) 9<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November & 13<sup>th</sup> December. Also do not forget the library's children's Summer Reading Challenge!

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

**NEXT NEWSLETTER** is for 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please send notices to be included to; [news@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:news@valebenefice.org.uk) by 10pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Only include personal information if you consent to it being published.

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## **PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

**Health and healing:** Ellie, Dorothy, Ari, Laura, Ursula, Barbara, Lesley & Richard.

**Friends & Family mourning:** Colin, Flora, Derek, Brenda, Eva and Basil.

**Those having their Banns of Marriage read this month.**

**Those being married this month.**

**Those being blessed this month.**