



Sunday 23rd April

Third Sunday after Easter

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 | Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | 1 Peter 1:17-23 | Luke 24:13-35

I walk before the Lord in the land of the living,” Psalm 116 says in the omitted verses.

The wonderful truth of Jesus’ resurrection is that it can be true for all of us, as the couple walking miserably back to their home in Emmaus discovered. “Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.”

Let’s pray this week to see Jesus in places and at times we least expect him, maybe in an ordinary event like sharing a meal:

“Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.”

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 23rd April

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev John Durant

Followed by APCM

10am Morning Worship, St John’s, Grove – Rev Nicholas Cheeseman

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

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

6pm Holy Communion, St John’s, Grove – Rev John Durant

Upcoming Services

Sunday 30th April

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist & Baptism, St James, Hanney – Rev Alec Gill

10am Family Communion, St John’s, Grove – Rev John Durant

10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Velma Oxley

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

6pm Evening Prayer, St John’s, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

HANNEY CHURCH APCM: Sunday 23rd April 2023 in church after Eucharist

DENCHWORTH CHURCH APCM: Wednesday 26th April 2023 (2.30pm) in church.

CHALLOW CHURCH APCM: Sunday 30th April 2023 in church after Eucharist

GROVE CHURCH APCM: Saturday 20th May 2023 (7pm) in the church hall.

PUBLIC EMERGENCY ALERTS TO BE SENT TO ALL UK SMARTPHONES ON 23RD APRIL The UK government's emergency alert system test will sound on Sunday 23 April at 3pm. The sound may be different, depending on the device, but the government says it may make a loud siren sound (even if the phone or tablet is on silent). It could also vibrate, or even read out a message automatically. The alert will last around ten seconds and you'll need to swipe the message to clear it or hit "OK" and continue using the device. People who have their phones switched off will not receive the message.

GROVE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL "REVISION" If you are not already on the electoral roll at Grove and wish to vote on the APCM, please complete a form and leave at the Benefice Office by Sunday 23 April. Any revisions can be made.

BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON is taking place on Sunday 23rd April (2-5pm). Can you help by making cakes / serving refreshments at these events? If so, please let the office know. Many thanks.

Wantage & Grove SCHOOL'S PRAYER MEETING Wednesday 26th April (4pm – 5pm) in the Lower St. John's Room. Refreshments available. All Welcome.

CONFIRMATION The Bishop of Dorchester + Gavin Collins is coming on 7th May to lead a Confirmation service at the 10am Service at St John's Church, Grove. This is a service for all the Benefice.

BIG LUNCH As part of the Coronation Celebrations, we are planning to hold a 'Big Lunch' on Sunday 7th May here at St John's after the morning Confirmation and Communion service. This will be for our church and an open invitation to our wider community to join in with us. Our celebration meal will be:

- Coronation Chicken with Rice and Salad
- Trifle
- Coronation Cake
- Teas and Coffees

There will be dietary options available. We ask that you sign up to let us know an idea of numbers. We hope you can join us as we celebrate together.

There is no charge for this meal, any donations towards the cost are voluntary.

FRIENDS on FRIDAY CORONATION FRIDAY 5th MAY (2 - 3.30pm). Come and join our regular members and celebrate the King's Coronation. GOOD FOOD, GOOD COMPANY and a ROYAL (team) QUIZ! It would be helpful to know for catering purposes if you can make it. Phone Peter or Angela 411315.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP Thursday 4th May and every other week. All Welcome.

VIVA NETWORK LUNCH at St John's Church on Sunday 21st May. Please do join us for the 10am Service (with Viva) and lunch in the hall afterwards. All welcome.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHALLOW TODDLER GROUP Volunteers needed to help with refreshments at the GroW Toddler session in East Challow Village Hall. The group runs on Tuesdays in term time 10-11.30am. Please email contact@growfamilies.co.uk or phone Tel: 01235 376037 if you might be able to help.

CORNERSTONE NEWS

Make and Bake for the Under 5s runs every Tuesday in term time 9.30-11am. £2 per child, no need to book.

During the Easter holidays we served 84 **free breakfasts** to families with children who have free school meals. Many thanks to those who donated towards the cost of this.

Our monthly **hot meal special** will be on Wednesday 26th April but do please book in advance so we know how many to cater for.

We need a **Cleaner** - Monday-Wednesday 4-5pm. If you are interested or know someone who might be please get in touch. Tel: 772280 Email:

office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk

ADVANCE NOTICE for St John's Church FETE 24th June (2-4pm). Please start saving tins, jars & bottles of food, drink, toiletries for the tombola, nearly new toys, books, bric-a-brac & raffle prizes. If appropriate, please ask your place of work to consider donating raffle prizes or promises for our auction. Please plant extra seeds (flowers & vegetables) for our plant stall, & donate homemade produce, jams & honey etc. Any ideas for stalls? Contact Nicky nicolagibbard@hotmail.co.uk

GROVE CHURCH VOLUNTEERS Thank you very much to all our church volunteers.

We are needing more volunteers on all the church rotas. If you feel that you can help on any of them, please contact the Benefice Office / a Vicar. **The Rotas are:** Chalice, Music Group, Sides duty, Sunday Clubs, Readers, Prayers, Projector, PA desk, Broadcasting and Refreshments.

For all those who are already on church rotas, the new ones for May - August (inc) have been emailed out to you last week. Please do let us know if you need a hardcopy. Many thanks to you all for your service at St John's. God bless.

DONATE OLD IPOD OR IPHONES If anyone has an old iPod, iPad, or iPhone (needs to have a screen) that they no longer need and would like to donate to use at the sound desk at Grove church, please speak to Chris O'Neil. Thank you.

WANTAGE & GROVE FOODBANK needs volunteers to pack & deliver food parcels (Monday & Wednesday mornings fortnightly). Also need a shopper (Friday mornings). Need to be fit, healthy & have a car. We also need larger premises & to be working from 1 site at a nominal fee (not multiple sites). If you know of anywhere with parking & no stairs, do get in touch.

NEWSLETTER Send any notices to be included in the newsletter by 10pm on Wednesday night. Email: news@valebenefice.org.uk

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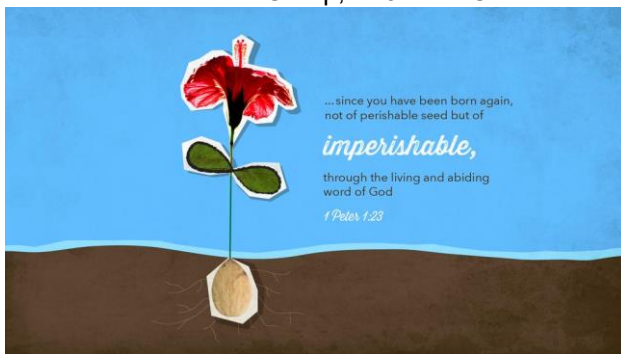
Health and healing: Jeannette, John, Norah, John, Sandra, Ellie, Ari, Laura, Ursula and Richard.

Friends & Family mourning: Diana, Alan, Anne and John.

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 24th April)

Mon	9am – 3pm 10am 10am 1pm 7pm	Grove CE School Meeting, Lower St John's Room GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall U3A Science Group, Upper or Small St John's Room GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall 1 st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Tue	9.30am 10am 10 am 3.30pm 6.30pm 7pm	Make & Bake, Cornerstone, Grove Simply Singing, St John's Lower Room Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney Graveside funeral of Diana, Grove Cemetery Chess Group, All of St John's Rooms 2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Wed	9.15am 2pm 2.30pm 4pm – 5pm 7pm	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall Denchworth Church APCM, in church Wantage & Grove School's Prayers Meeting, St John's Rm Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
Thu	9.30am 10am 4-5pm 5.30pm 8pm	Extend Your Fitness (over 60's) Group, St John's Hall Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow Community Fridge at Cornerstone, Grove Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Fri	5.45pm	NCT Meeting, St John's Church Hall
Sat	8.30am 12.30pm	Morning Prayers at St John's Rooms NCT Meeting, St John's Church Hall
Sun	Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet. 9.30am 7pm	Baptism at Hanney Morning Service Challow Church APCM in church after the morning service Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall



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