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## **Sunday 9th & 16th April**

### **Easter Sunday**

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 | Acts 10:34-43 | Jeremiah 31:1-6 | Colossians 3:1-4 |  
John 20:1-18 | Matthew 28:1-10*

### **Sunday 16th April**

*Exodus 14: 10-end; 15: 20-21. Acts 2:14a, 22-32, 1 Peter 1: 3-9, John 20: 19 - end.*

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“But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.’ ... So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.” He has been raised - and He IS here - through His Spirit. It is an awesome and joyful truth, that’s surely worth sharing. God’s love is stronger than evil, even than death. The darkness has not, cannot overcome it. Hallelujah! Happy Easter!

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### **Our Shared Worship**

#### **Sunday 9th April (Easter Sunday)**

8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant  
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Alec Gill  
10am Holy Communion, St John’s, Grove – Rev John Durant  
10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Peter Rich  
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill  
No 6pm Service at St John’s, Grove

#### **Sunday 16th April**

8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant  
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Peter Rich  
10am Holy Communion, St John’s, Grove – Rev John Durant  
10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Roger Williams  
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Robert Teare  
6pm Evening Prayer at St John’s, Grove – Rev John Durant

#### **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 at St John’s, Grove – Rev John Durant

## BENEFICE NEWS

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**EASTER FLOWERS at St JAMES the GREAT Church.** The 2 pedestal flowers at W. Hanney church are in memory of Anne Round.

**BENEFICE CHURCHES' EASTER FLOWERS** Thank you for all our Benefice churches' flowers at Easter. Please do donate towards them if you can. Thank you.

**HANNEY EASTER FUN** Join in the Easter Trail - a fun activity for families around the Hanneys. Start at 5 Ashfield Close (OX12 0HW) to collect a map and entry form.

**RIDGEWAY BENEFICE** invites you to the licensing of Rev Vanessa Brunner-Ellis at Sparsholt, the Church of the Holy Rood, on 13<sup>th</sup> April (7.30pm). Refreshments in the Griffin Hall afterwards. Parking is available in Sparsholt Manor.

**GROVE CHURCH APCM** will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7pm in the church hall.

**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 23.4.2023. Any revisions can be made.

**OPEN TABLE** is especially intended for friends not used to conventional church. Everyone is welcome. We're not meeting on 5th April but will be back meeting on 19.4.2023 at 6.30pm at Cornerstone and then on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. For more information contact the Beckleys (765068) or the Wenhams (760094).

**BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON** The next one is planned for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (2-5pm). If you can help by making cakes / serving refreshments at these events, please let the office know.

**CONFIRMATION** The Bishop of Dorchester + Gavin Collins is coming on 7<sup>th</sup> May to lead a Confirmation service at the 10am Service at St John's Church, Grove. If you would like to be confirmed, please advise a vicar.

**BIG LUNCH** As part of the Coronation Celebrations, we are planning to hold a 'Big Lunch' on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**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](mailto:nicolagibbard@hotmail.co.uk)

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to; [prayer@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@valebenefice.org.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. **Rotas:** Chalice, Music Group, Sides duty, Sunday clubs, Readers, Prayers, projector, PA desk, Broadcasting and Refreshments).

**DONATE OLD IPOD OR IPHONES** If anyone has an old iPod, iPhone or iPad (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.

**CORNERSTONE NEWS** During the Easter school holiday, will once again be offering **free breakfasts** to those families with children who have free school meals - if you are able to contribute towards the cost of this please do get in touch.

A reminder that we are able to supply **outside catering** for your events – please contact us for more information.

We will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday but **open on Saturday 8th April** – for all your last-minute Easter cards, books and gifts.

Tel: 772280 Email: [office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk](mailto:office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk)

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

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

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

**Those living at:** The Paddocks in East Hanney; The Meads in West Hanney; Cornhill Lane in East Challow and Bridge Farm Close, Westbrook & Westfield Mobile Home Park in Grove.

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## DIARY FOR EASTER WEEK *(Starting on Mon 10th April)*

<b>Mon</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	– Benefice Office and buildings shut.
<b>Tue</b>	10am	Simply Singing, St John's Lower Room
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney</b>
	2pm	U3A Film meeting, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Chess Club, St John's Rooms, Grove
<b>Wed</b>	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	Trefoil Guild Meeting, Lower St John's Room
<b>Thu</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow</b>
	4-5pm	Community Fridge at Cornerstone, Grove
	7.30pm	Licensing of Rev Vanessa Brunner-Ellis at the Church of the Holy Rood
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
<b>Sat</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayers, Lower St John's Room
	11.30am	Blessing of a child, Hanney Church
	2pm	Cornerstone Tea Party, Cornerstone, Grove
<b>Sun</b>	Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet.	

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## DIARY *(Starting on Mon 17th April)*

<b>Mon</b>	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Genealogy Group, St John's Rooms
	1pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Grove Guides, St John's church hall
<b>Tue</b>	9.30am	Make & Bake, Cornerstone, Grove
	10am	Simply Singing, St John's Lower Room
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney</b>
	2pm	U3A Group Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Chess Group, St John's Rooms
	7pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Chess Club, St John's Rooms, Grove
<b>Wed</b>	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Open Table Group, Cornerstone, Grove
	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
<b>Thu</b>	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness (over 60's) Group, St John's Hall
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow</b>
	2pm	Bible Group, Lower St John's Room
	4-5pm	Community Fridge at Cornerstone, Grove
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
<b>Fri</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Friends on Friday Group (HC), St John's Church Hall</b>
	5.45pm	NCT Meeting, St John's Church Hall
<b>Sat</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayers, Lower St John's Room
<b>Sun</b>	Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet.	
	After morning Service: APCM – Hanney Church	
	1pm	Board Games afternoon, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall