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## **Sunday 14th May**

### **Sixth Sunday after Easter**

*Psalm 66:8-20 | Acts 17:22-31 | 1 Peter 3:13-22 | John 14:15-21*

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Last Sunday eight people from the benefice were confirmed. Bishop Gavin laid hands on each, praying: “God has called you by name and made you his own. Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.” In his Coronation sermon the Archbishop said, “The weight of the task given today, Your Majesties, is only bearable by the Spirit of God, who gives us the strength to give our lives to others. With the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the King is given freely what no ruler can ever attain through will,...politics,...war, or tyranny: the Holy Spirit draws us to love in action.” We all need Jesus’ gift of the Spirit too.

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### **Our Shared Worship**

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove with Rev Alec Gill
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney with Rev John Durant
- 10am Morning Worship, St John’s, Grove with Rev Alec Gill
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth with Rev Geoff Maughan
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow with Rev John Durant
- 6pm Holy Communion, St John’s, Grove

### **Upcoming Services**

#### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove with Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney with Rev Charles Draper
- 10am Holy Communion with Viva Network, St John’s, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth with Rev Alec Gill
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow with Rev Alec Gill
- 6pm Evening Worship, St John’s, Grove

## BENEFICE NEWS

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**GROVE CHURCH APCM:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (7pm) in the church hall.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May and every other week. All Welcome.

**FRIENDS on FRIDAY** We apologise but the Friends on Friday Holy Communion this Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May has had to be CANCELLED. Please join us for our next Social meeting on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2.00-3.30pm. Peter and Angela.

**THE LINEN of the LORD'S TABLE & CREDENCE CLOTHS** at St John's Church were dedicated by Bishop Gavin Collins on Sunday during the Confirmation Service. With many thanks to you Mary!

**THE BIG LUNCH** Coronation celebration at St John's Church. Thank you to Nicky Gibbard for organising this, to all those who helped and attended and for the generous donations to cover costs. It was a splendid community event following on from a wonderful Holy Baptism, Confirmation & Communion Service.

**ADVANCE NOTICE for St John's Church FETE 24th June (2-4pm).** Please save 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)

**FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB MEETING:** Following the 10am service on 28<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a gathering over refreshments for all those interested in talking about re-starting the Friday Night Youth Club at St John's Church. If you are not able to make it, but are interested, please contact Alec Gill.

**BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON** is taking place on Sunday 28th May (2-5pm). Can you help by making cakes / serving refreshments at these events? If so, please let the office know. Many thanks.

**GROVE CE SCHOOL** May Fair on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May (12 noon – 2pm). With the traditional class May dances performed around the Maypole, raffles, games, gift and activity stalls, bouncy fun and many more activities, plus a food van for refreshments. Please do come along to support our church school and pray for good weather! Raising funds through the PTA events for the benefit of the whole school. 😊

### CORNERSTONE NEWS

**Take Note** – There is a new promotion running and leaflets with details of the books available can be found on the Welcome Table at St John's as well as in Cornerstone.

**Volunteers** - We are still looking for volunteers, particularly on Saturdays. If you are able to give a couple of hours either on a regular basis or just occasionally, or would like to know more of what is involved, please do get in touch.

**Foodbank and Clothes Bank** – A reminder that we are a collection point for the Wantage & Grove Foodbank and also the Clothes bank (children's clothes only).

**AGM** - Advance notice that our AGM will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm - we look forward to seeing you. 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)

**OPEN TABLE Home Group Meetings** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 6.30pm at Cornerstone, Grove. Next one will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**ST JOHN'S TEA PARTY at Cornerstone** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month. All ages welcome. Please do come and support Cornerstone at this lovely regular event.

**CORNERSTONE PRAYER BREAKFAST** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month. Next one 8.30am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**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](mailto:contact@growfamilies.co.uk) or phone Tel: 01235 376037 if you might be able to help.

**CHURCH FLOWERS** Thank you to the St John's Church "Flower team" for the beautiful flowers in church to mark the Coronation. The thought and care that you all put into the church flowers is very much appreciated by all.

**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.

**THE KING'S SCHOOL** There are two job vacancies available, and we would be grateful if you could share them and pray for the right people:

- Lunchtime and Playground Supervisor – part time
- Secondary Science Teacher and Tutor – part time

More information is available on our website <https://www.tkswitney.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies>. Olivia Watterson. Registrar. The King's School part of Oxfordshire Community Churches. Registered Charity 1056921.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to; [prayer@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@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:** Annis, Anne, Lesley, Ada, Diana, Mollie, Anne and John.

**Those living at:** Snuggs Lane in East Hanney; Main Street in West Hanney; Vale Avenue, Caudwell Close & Tulwick Lane in Grove; The Orchard in East Challow

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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 93	Genesis 9:8-17	Acts 27:39-44
Tue	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 5:22-33	1 Peter 3:8-12
Wed	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	John 16:16-24
Thu	ASCENSION DAY	ASCENSION DAY	ASCENSION DAY
Fri	Psalm 93	2 Kings 2:1-12	Ephesians 2:1-7
Sat	Psalm 93	2 Kings 2:13-15	John 8:21-30

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 15th May)*

<b>Mon</b>	10am	GroW Toddlers Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Genealogy Group, Lower St John's Room
	12.45 pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	U3A Committee Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	7 pm	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 Meeting, St John's Church Hall
<b>Wed</b>	7pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	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 Meeting Group, Cornerstone, Grove
<b>Thu</b>	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	<b>ASCENSION DAY</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>
<b>Fri</b>	2pm	Bible Study Group, Lower St John's Room
	4-5pm	Community Fridge at Cornerstone, Grove
	5.30pm	Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Wedding Rehearsal in church
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
<b>Sat</b>	1pm	Funeral of T/L Anne at S. Oxfordshire Crematorium
	2pm	Friends on Friday Group, St John's Church Hall
	5.45pm	NCT Group, St John's Church Hall
	8.30am	Morning Prayers
<b>Sun</b>	11am	Wedding at St James the Great church, W. Hanney
	12-2pm	Grove CE School May Fair at the school
	2pm	Cornerstone Tea Party, Cornerstone, Grove
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Grove PCC APCM, St John's Church Hall</b>
	Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet.	
12 noon	Viva Lunch, St John's Church Hall	
6.30pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall	

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And I will ask the Father, and he will give  
you another Helper, to be with you forever

**JOHN 14:16**



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