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## **Sunday 21st May**

### **Seventh Sunday after Easter**

*Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 | \*Acts 1:6-14 | 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 | John 17:1-11*

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We're in the ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost, which for the first believers must have been a dark period of doubt. Perhaps they held on to Jesus' prayer for them. "I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours... And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." When we are in the dark, that's also His prayer for us.

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### **Our Shared Worship**

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

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

### **Upcoming Services**

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Velma Oxley
- 10am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Rev Robin Lapwood
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev John Durant
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant
- 2.30pm Blessing & Thanksgiving Service for a child – Rev John Durant
- 6pm Holy Communion, St John's, Grove

## BENEFICE NEWS

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

**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. 😊 Thank you for your support.

**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.

**POSTPONED: FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB MEETING** The planned meeting following the 10am service on 28<sup>th</sup> May has been postponed. We will let you know when this is re-scheduled. Alec Gill.

**BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON** the May board games have **been cancelled** due to staffing. The next one will take place on Sunday 18th June (2-5pm). Can you help by making cakes / serving refreshments at these events? If so, please let the office know. Many thanks.

**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)

**FLYER DROP FOR FETE** After the success of last year's leaflet drop for the summer fete, we would like to repeat this again to as many Grove streets as possible. During the two weeks leading up to the fete. If you are able to help with this please contact Jane Syme on [jane.syme@virginmedia.com](mailto:jane.syme@virginmedia.com) with the streets you can do and how many leaflets you need before the 28th May so we can get leaflets printed for you. Many thanks.

### CORNERSTONE NEWS

**Free breakfasts** – During half-term we shall again be offering free breakfasts to those families whose children have free school meals – if you are able to contribute towards this cost, please contact us or ask at the till.

**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.

**Father's Day** – We have a selection of cards and gift items such as socks, mugs etc. suitable as gifts for Fathers.

**AGM** – Advance notice that our AGM will be held on Monday 19th June at 7.30pm – we look forward to seeing you to share events of the past year and our plans moving forward. Tel: 772280 Email: [office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk](mailto:office@cornerstonegrove.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 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> June.

**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.

**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)

**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:** Pat, Roy, Annis, Anne, Lesley, Polly (Ada), Diana, Mollie, Anne and John.

**For all those taking** tests or exams now and in the coming weeks.

**Those living at:** School Road in West Hanney; St James' School in East Hanney; Tubbs Close, Cherbury Green, Cherry Tree Close in Grove; High View in East Challow.

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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 99	Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24	1 Peter 4:1-6
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 99	Numbers 16:41-50	1 Peter 4:7-11
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 99	1 Kings 8:54-65	John 3:31-36
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 19:1-9a	Acts 2:1-11
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 19:16-25	Romans 8:14-17
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 20:1-21	Matthew 5:1-12

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May)*

<b>Mon</b>	10am 10am 12.45 pm 7 pm	GroW Toddlers Group, St John's Church Hall U3A Science Group, Upper St John's Room GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall 1 <sup>st</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
<b>Tue</b>	9.30am 10am <b>10 am</b> 2pm 7pm	Make & Bake, Cornerstone, Grove Simply Singing, St John's Lower Room <b>Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney</b> Funeral of Polly, St John's Church 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
<b>Wed</b>	9.15am 12noon 2pm 7pm 8pm	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall WGCP Meeting, Lower St John's Room Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
<b>Thu</b>	9.30am <b>10am</b> 4-5pm 5.30pm 8pm 8pm	Extend Your Fitness (over 60's) Group, St John's Hall <b>Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow</b> Community Fridge at Cornerstone, Grove Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall Wedding Rehearsal, St John's Church
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Grove CE Primary School inset day</b>	
<b>Sat</b>	8.30am 12 noon	Morning Prayers, Frances house Wedding, St John's Church
<b>Sun</b>	Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet.	

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