



Sunday 28th May

Pentecost

Psalm 31:9-16 | Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 | Isaiah 50:4-9a | Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 | Matthew 27:11-54 | Matthew 21:1-11

'When it was time for Jesus to depart, he left behind a confused people, with the promise of power to come. Some might say that power arrived at Pentecost with the coming of the Holy Spirit and that is, of course, correct. And yet today the church still often feels like a confused people, living with the promise of power rather than power itself. And I believe that is because the Holy Spirit did not come once only but rather the Holy Spirit comes again and again; and Christians must always remain watchful if we are continually to be led into deeper truth and greater understanding of what it means to follow the way of Christ' (Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford; Ascension Day).

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 28th May

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove
- 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, E. Challow – Rev John Durant
- 6pm Holy Communion, St John's, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 4th June

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Geoff Maughan
- 10am Family Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev John Durant & Sarah-Jane Frideswide
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Robert Teare
- 2.30pm Blessing & Thanksgiving Service for a child, W.Hanney – Rev John Durant
- 6pm Holy Communion, St John's, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

Cancelled: MID WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES There will not be a 10am HC Service at W. Hanney Church on 30.5.2023 or at E.Challow Church on Thursday 1st June. All resuming again the following week.

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

FILM NIGHT (TBA): 7.30pm, St John's Film Night, St John's Church Hall. All Welcome.

OPEN TABLE HOME GROUP MEETINGS on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6.30pm at Cornerstone, Grove. Next one will be on Wednesday 7th June.

CORNERSTONE PRAYER BREAKFAST 2nd Saturdays of the month. Next one 8.30am on Saturday 10th June.

BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON 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

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 either;

- contact Jane Syme on 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.

- Have a look at the map of Grove and the street names, which will be in the church foyer. Please strike the road name and put your name against it, to show which roads you can deliver fete leaflets to. Please can we especially focus on the new housing? Many thanks. Nicky.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP Meeting: Sunday 4th June 2023 in the Lower St John's Room (3pm – 4.30pm). All Welcome.

WANTAGE PARISH CHURCH: 29th June – 2nd July. A Sustainable Church Flower Festival. With Coronation Florist Shane Connolly. Information and tickets from www.wantageparish.com

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

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CENTRE AGM will be held on Monday 19th June. Light refreshments will be served from 7.15pm ready for a 7.30pm start.

Come and meet our board of Trustees and find out more about the running of Cornerstone. Best Wishes. Sarah. Cornerstone Christian Centre, 10 Savile Way, Grove, OX12 0PT. Tel: 01235 772280. www.cornerstonegrove.org.uk

ST JOHN'S TEA PARTY AT CORNERSTONE 3rd Saturdays of the month. All ages welcome. Please do come and support Cornerstone at this lovely regular event.

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 can 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 the Clothes bank (children's clothes only).

AGM - Advance notice that our AGM will be held on Monday 19th June at 7.30pm - we look forward to seeing you. Tel: 772280 Email: office@cornerstonegrove.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. 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.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

Friends & Family mourning: Frederick, Pat, Roy, Mollie, Annis, Anne, Lesley, Polly, Diana, Anne and John.

For all those: taking tests and exams.

Those living at: The Croft in West Hanney; Blenheim Orchard in East Hanney; The Maples, Churchward Close and The Kestrals in Grove; Vicarage Hill in East Challow.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Joel 2:18-29	Romans 8:18-24
Tue	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29	Romans 8:26-27
Wed	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Numbers 11:24-30	John 7:37-39
Thu	Psalm 8	Job 38:1-11	2 Timothy 1:8-12a
Fri	Psalm 8	Job 38:12-21	2 Timothy 1:12b-14
Sat	Psalm 8	Job 38:22-38	John 14:15-17





Saturday 24th June

2-4 PM

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
GROVE**

**Cream Teas, Books, Tombola, Toys, Plants,
Crafts & Gifts, Children's Games with Guides
Activities with GROW, White Elephant,
Lucky Dip, Raffle and much more...**



Free Entry



DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 29th May) (half term week)*

Mon	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	(Benefice Office Closed)
Tue	10am	Simply Singing, St John's Lower Room
		NO Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney
Wed		(Benefice Office Closed)
	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
Thu		NO Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	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
Fri	2pm	Friends on Friday Social, St John's Church Hall (celebrating the birth of the church)
Sat	8.30am	Morning Prayers, Frances house
	10am	GroW – 1 st Aid Course, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	St John's Film Night (TBA), St John's Church Hall
Sun		Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet.
	11.30am	Wedding Rehearsal in St John's Church, Grove
	3pm	Women's Social Group, St John's Lower Room
	6.30pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall

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