



Sunday 16th July **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Readings selected from:

*Psalm 119:105-112 | Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13 | Genesis 25:19-34 | Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:1-11 | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

St James, brother of John the beloved apostle, was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred. King Herod clearly thought he was dealing a blow to the young Church. However, its effect was quite the opposite. It led to Christians leaving Jerusalem and scattering around the Roman Empire; as an early writer said, the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. Both the churches at Hanney and Denchworth are dedicated in his honour. Jesus in the parable of the sower says the seed is his word which bears fruit and yields, sometimes x 100, sometimes x 60, and sometimes x 30, when it's listened to and understood. Let's listen!

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 16th July

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

9.30am Patronal Festival Eucharist, St James, Hanney
with Rev Charles Draper & Rev John Durant

No 10am Service at St John's Church, Grove

No 10am Service at St James Church, Denchworth

No 11am Service at St Nicholas Church, E. Challow

6pm Evening Prayer, St John's Church, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 23rd July

8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill

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

10am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Sue Powditch

No 10am Service at St James, Denchworth

11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant

6pm Patronal Evensong, St James, Denchworth with
+ Gavin of Dorchester & Rev John Durant

No 6pm Service at St John's Church, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

DENCHWORTH PCC At our Denchworth PCC we received the financial report reviewed and approved both the Safeguarding and Data Protection Policies; and were pleased to hear that we had no safeguarding or health and safety concerns; were updated on a few maintenance improvements; discussed the dates and times of the services including continuing with our practice of how we administer Communion and agreed to the practice of bringing up the offertory.

CHALLOW PCC At our Challow PCC we received satisfactory reports on Finance, Fabric, and the Deanery; thanked those who helped with the Challow Village events and lovely flower festival; discussed our festival services; decided to offer the choice of the Common Cup at the Administration of Communion; and noted there were no safeguarding concerns.

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY Holy Communion On 21st July is cancelled. The next one will be on 15th September.

GROVE CHURCH VOLUNTEER ROTAS The office is now creating the rotas twice a year instead of 3 times. Many of you will not know all your absences for the whole period, but please send through what you do know by Monday 17th July for the September 2023 to end Feb 2024 rotas. Many thanks for all your hard work 😊.

SUNDAY CLUB PICNIC at St John's Church, Grove on 23rd July (12-1.30pm). Bring your own picnic. One of our Guide groups are meeting in the car park 12.30/1pm to catch their coach for their trip that day. If you are staying for the picnic, please park on one of the roads around the Church and not in the car park, as it needs to be available for the guides to congregate & board their coach. Thank you for your consideration.

MID WEEK EUCHARISTS There will be no mid-week Eucharist Services at the Vale Benefice Churches during August 2023

PATRONAL FESTIVAL EVENSONG, ST JAMES CHURCH, DENCHWORTH All are invited to attend this special service. We are very pleased to be joined by The Bishop of Dorchester the Rt Rev Gavin Collins and a Festival Choir on this occasion. There will be refreshments after the Service. Service is on Sunday 23rd July at 6.00pm.

RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday 9th September (10am-6pm). Find sponsors, prepare your route & visit as many churches as you wish. Money raised is halved between your church & historic churches trust. Our benefice has benefitted before. To take part; go online, download a form & record the churches you have visited. We need volunteers as welcomers at church during the day if you can help write your name on the form in the entrance hall. Any questions contact Terry Mawdesley.

THE BENEFICE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED for annual staff leave from 24th July – 28th July and from 7th August – 11th August.

VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER: There will be no newsletter coming out in August. The last one will be for Sunday 30th July (please send all items to be included to news@valebenefice.org.uk (by 4.00pm on Tuesday 25th July) to be included that week. The next newsletter after that will be for Sunday 3rd September.

LOST PROPERTY at St John's Church is on the foyer table till Thursday 20th July. It will be donated to charity on 21st July. A lady's watch was handed in to the office.

OPEN TABLE HOME GROUP MEETINGS: We will not meet during August. So, Wednesday 19th July will be the final meeting this month. Everyone is welcome.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP Meeting: 1st Sundays of the month, in the Lower St John's Room (3pm – 4.30pm). All Welcome.

ST JOHN'S TEA PARTY (CORNERSTONE) The Saturday Tea party at Cornerstone will be taking a summer break, which means NO Tea party in July and August. However, Cornerstone Café will of course be open as normal.

CLEANER NEEDED Can you help, I am finding it difficult to keep up with our housework, is there anyone who could help us for about 3 hours a fortnight payment to be negotiated. Mary Mann, East Challow Tel No. 762408

CORNERSTONE NEWS

Make and Bake: This has now finished for the summer, but we are looking for an enthusiastic person to take the lead in this from September. Many activities have been prepared over the years so not a huge amount of work. Some craft preparation each week, a story to read and songs to sing. If you are interested or would like more information, please do contact us.

Till cover: We are looking for someone to cover the till on **Wednesday afternoons** 2-4pm. If you are interested in volunteering do get in touch.

Saturday teams: We are also keen to assemble a 5th Saturday team 12-2pm and 2-3.30pm. It's a great way to serve in the community and get to know Christians in other churches as you work together. Again do get in touch if you are interested. For more news and information, see the newsletter on the noticeboard & emailed out. Email: office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk Tel: 772280

ST JOHN'S TODDLER GROUP & GROW CHILDRENS GROUPS The Last of these groups for the summer are happening this week. They will start again in September.

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 one site at a nominal fee (not multiple sites). If you know of anywhere with parking & no stairs, do get in touch.

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

NEWSLETTER Send items for inclusion to; news@valebenefice.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing: Rosemary Hedderley, Jeannette Rose, Barbara Wood, John Butter, Norah Lunn, John Blair, Sandra Foster, Ari Psaras, Laura Challis, Ursula Geer, And Richard Hummerston.

Friends & Family mourning: Sandra Lake, Michael Pembroke, Rosemary Clark, James Patey, Frederick Carroll, Pat Charles, Roy Castle, Mollie Day and Joan & Stanley Doore.

These living at: Challow Road in East Challow; Summertown in East Hanney; Fairfield Close, Farm End and School Lane in Grove. Also, for Grove CE School.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

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| Mon | Psalm 142 | Micah 1:1-5 | 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 |
| Tue | Psalm 142 | Jeremiah 49:7-11 | Ephesians 4:17-5:2 |
| Wed | Psalm 142 | Obadiah 15-21 | Matthew 13:10-17 |
| Thu | Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 | Isaiah 44:1-5 | Hebrews 2:1-9 |
| Fri | Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 | Ezekiel 39:21-29 | Hebrews 6:13-20 |
| Sat | Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 | Exodus 14:9-25 | Matthew 7:15-20 |

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 17th July)*

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| Mon | 10am | GroW Toddlers Group, St John's Church Hall |
| | 1pm | GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall |
| | 7pm | 1 st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall |
| Tue | 10am | Simply Singing, St John's Lower Room |
| | 10am | Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney |
| | 12-1pm | WGCP Meeting, St John's Lower Room |
| | 2pm | U3A Meeting, St John's Church Hall |
| | 7pm | 2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall |
| 8pm | | PCC Meeting, St John's Lower Room, Grove |
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| Wed | 9.15am | St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall |
| | 9.30am | St James School Service, St James Church, W. Hanney |
| | 2pm | Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall |
| | 2.15pm | St Nicholas School Service, St Nicholas Church, E. Challow |
| | 6.30pm | Open Table Meeting, Cornerstone, Grove |
| 7pm | Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall | |
| Thu | 9.30am | Grove CE School Service, St John's Church, Grove |
| | 9.30am | Extend Your Fitness Group, St John's Church Hall |
| | 10.15am | Grove CE School Service, St John's Church, Grove |
| | 10am | Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow |
| | 4-5pm | Community Fridge at Cornerstone, Grove |
| 8pm | St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall | |
| Fri | 2pm | Cancelled Friends on Friday, St John's Church Hall |
| Sat | 11.30-2.30pm | Private Birthday Party, St John's Church Hall |
| Sun | 12 noon | Sunday Club Picnic, St John's Church Hall & garden |
| | 12.30/1pm | Guides Meeting for Coach, St John's Car Park |

Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet.

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