



Sunday 18th June

Second Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 | Psalm 100 | Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) | Exodus 19:2-8a
Romans 5:1-8 | Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Worldwide, farmers and gardeners fear floods, fires and droughts, symptoms of climate change, and now the Kherson region of Ukraine suffers from flooding caused by the breaching of the Kakhovka Dam, a new but not unprecedented instrument of warfare. No wonder young people are despairing about our planet's future. And yet the Earth is God's and his Kingdom is different. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.... Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." We can worship him by caring about his creation. Thy Kingdom come on Earth.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 18th June

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Charles Draper
- 10am Family Communion and Baptism, 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 Communion, St John's, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 25th June

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
- St James, W. Hanney – **No Service**
- 10am Patronal Festival & Holy Communion, St John's, Grove with Rev John Durant, Rev Velma Oxley and Rev Alec Gill
- St James the Great, Denchworth – **No Service**
- St Nicholas, E. Challow – **No Service**
- 6pm Evening Prayer, St John's, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to James and Anna Mabbett on the birth of a baby boy, born on 14th June.

BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON the next one will take place this Sunday 18th June (2-5pm). All Welcome.

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. Next ones are on Saturday 17th June and 15th July. All Welcome.

FLYER DROP FOR FETE If you are able to help drop flyers to streets in Grove before the fete next weekend, please look at the map of Grove & the street names, (which is in the church foyer) & strike the road name & put your name against it, showing which roads you can deliver flyers to. Collect flyers from church foyer or church office. Especially focusing on the new housing. Many thanks. Nicky.

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. Thank you. Contact Nicky nicolagibbard@hotmail.co.uk

PRAISE & WORSHIP Evening at Wantage Baptist Church on Sunday 2nd July at 6pm. "Lift the Name of Jesus" featuring songs by local songwriter John. M. Wilson.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP Meeting: Sunday 2nd July 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

CAMPING: Cool Boxes: Does anyone have 1 or 2 cool boxes with good insulation that we could borrow for our trip to New Wine Christian Festival 26th-30th July? With no power and limited Ice supply, we would be very grateful to borrow these for a week. Many thanks. Chris & Louise O'Neil 07843 860150.

GAZEBO REQUEST: please speak with Alec Gill if you are able to lend him a gazebo for weekend of 23rd June. Thank you.

GROVE CE SCHOOL Thank you for supporting the May Fair. We raised an amazing £1300 which will be used to provide subsidised trips, learning tools, books, electronic learning equipment and much more for all the children at the school. 😊

WANTAGE & GROVE EXTRAVAGANZA (The Big Picnic) 17th June, (12 – 5pm) Grove Recreation Ground, Cane Lane, OX12 0FL, followed by the concert till 11pm.

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 21st June.

CORNERSTONE PRAYER BREAKFAST 2nd Saturdays of the month. Next one 8.30am on Saturday 8th July.

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.

CORNERSTONE NEWS

Our AGM is on Monday 19th June, serving light refreshments at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Please do come along and join us. We will be reporting on the past year and looking forward to what we hope to achieve in the future.

Teacher's Gifts – we have a selection of cards and gifts suitable to give teachers as a thank you at the end of term.

Monthly hot meal special – this will be served on Wednesday 28th June, please do book in advance so we know how many to cater for.

St John's Church Fete – we will have a stall at the fete with a small selection of cards, books and gifts. Please do come along to support this. Thank you.

Cornerstone Christian Centre, 10 Savile Way, Grove, OX12 0PT. Tel: 01235 772280.

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SAYING GOODBYE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at 1pm on 8th July at Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford. For more information: www.sayinggoodbye.org The Mariposa Trust

WEST HENDRED SUMMER LUNCH at Manor Farm House (opposite Village Hall) on Saturday 1st July (12.30pm – 3.30pm) with the famous duck race! Free entry.

Lunch: £8 adults, £4 under 12years, under 5's free. All in aid of Holy Trinity Church.

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



Saturday 24th June

2-4pm

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, GROVE

Cream Teas, Books, Tombola, Toys, Plants, Crafts & Gifts, White Elephant,

Children's Games with Guides, Activities with GROW,

Lucky Dip, Raffle and much more...

FREE ENTRY



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing: Jeannette Rose, Barbara Wood, John Butter, Laura Challis, John Blair, Sandra Foster, Ellie Donegan, Ari Psaras, Ursula Geer and Richard Hummerston.

Friends & Family mourning: Frederick Carroll, Pat Charles, Roy Castle, Mollie Day, and Polly (Ada) Aldridge.

For all those: taking tests and exams.

These living at: Wayland Road, Cane Lane and Vicarage Close in Grove; Field Gardens and St Nicholas School in East Challow; Circourt Road in Denchworth.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 126	Genesis 23:1-19	1 Thessalonians 3:1-5
Tue	Psalm 126	Genesis 25:7-11	2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Wed	Psalm 126	Nehemiah 9:1-8	Luke 6:12-19
Thu	Psalm 86:1-10	Exodus 12:43-49	Hebrews 2:5-9
Fri	Psalm 86:1-10	Genesis 35:1-4	Acts 5:17-26
Sat	Psalm 86:1-10	Ezekiel 29:3-7	Luke 11:53-12:3

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 19th June)*

Mon	12.45 pm 7pm 7.30pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall 1 st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall Cornerstone AGM, Cornerstone, Grove
Tue	9.30am 10am 10am 2pm 7pm	Cornerstone Make & Bake (under 5's), Cornerstone Simply Singing, St John's Lower Room Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney U3A Group Meeting, St John's Church Hall 2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Wed	9.15am 2pm 7pm 7pm 8pm	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall Guides Volunteers Meeting, Upper St John's Room Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
Thu	9.30am 10am 12 noon 4-5pm 5.30pm 8 pm	Extend Your Fitness Group, St John's Church Hall Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow WGCP Meeting, Lower St John's Room Community Fridge at Cornerstone, Grove Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Sat	8.30am 2pm	Morning Prayers at Frances Gillott's house St John's Church Fete, St John's Church, Grove
Sun	Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet. 6.30pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall

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