



Sunday 30th July 2023 **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Readings selected from:

*Psalm 105:1-11, 45b | Psalm 128 | Psalm 119:129-136 | Genesis 29:15-28
1 Kings 3:5-12 | Romans 8:26-39 | Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

The final news sheet until September: Look out for Jesus telling parables in the kingdom of God and doing kingdom actions in the readings from Matthew over the weeks. What's he teaching his disciples?

And now, for the holidays, here's a blessing from Ireland:

“May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again may God hold you ever in the palm of His hand.”

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 30th July

- 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
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Robin Lapwood
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Robert Teare
- 6pm Evening Communion, St John's, Grove

Sunday Services in August

Sunday 6th August

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Nicholas Cheeseman
- 10am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev John Durant & Sarah-Jane Frideswide
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Robin Lapwood
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Nicholas Cheeseman
- 6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

Sunday 13th August

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev John Durant
- 10am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Sue Powditch (LLM)
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Geoff Maughan
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant
- 6pm Evening Communion, St John's, Grove

Sunday 20th August

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove - Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney - Rev John Durant
- 10am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Robin Lapwood
- 10am Morning Prayer, St James, Denchworth – Sue Powditch (LLM)
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant
- 6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

Sunday 27th August

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove - Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney - Rev Velma Oxley
- 10am Morning Worship, 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

Sunday 3rd September

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove - Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney - Rev Alec Gill
- 10am Holy Communion with Blessing/Dedication, St John's, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Robin Lapwood
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill
- 6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

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BENEFICE NEWS

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

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

VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER: This is the last newsletter until Sunday 3rd September.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP Meeting: 1st Sunday of the month, in the Lower St John's Room (3pm – 4.30pm). All Welcome. No meetings in August.

OPEN TABLE HOME GROUP MEETINGS: We will not meet during August.

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

WING WALK FOR SOBELL HOUSE Bev Rolls and her Granddaughter Ellie are doing a wing walk on 15th September in support of Sobell House hospice. If anyone would like to sponsor them there are forms in the St John's foyer.

CORNERSTONE NEWS

Cook – we are looking for a new cook and will be advertising shortly. If you would like more information or know someone who would be interested, please get in touch. Remember we are a collection point for the **Foodbank** and **Children's Clothes bank**. Also, the **Community Fridge** is here every Thursday afternoon from 4-5pm. Keep up to date over the summer by following us on Facebook, via our website, or the monthly newsletter.

Email: office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk Tel: 772280

BLISTER PACKS What a fantastic response to the blister pack collections! A big thank you too all. Please keep collecting/recycling, but as St. John's Church foyer gets rather full, PLEASE try to deliver them now to "The Mix", Mill Street, Wantage (Park in Sainsburys car park and go through the Angel Walk alley to Mill Street). Mon: 2-6pm; Wed: 10.30am-3pm & Sat: 10am-1pm. They also collect old biro's & highlighters, used toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, candles (whole or stubs), & ink cartridges.

RIDE AND STRIDE (GROVE) 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 during the day if you can help write your name on the form in the entrance hall. Any questions contact Terry Mawdesley.

RIDE AND STRIDE (HANNEY)

St James Hanney also takes part in R+S and has recently received grants. If you could help by being a welcomer, please contact Hilary on

hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com

RIDE AND STRIDE (CHALLOW AND DENCHWORTH) Please get in contact with the individual churches for information.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH Help required with grass cutting at the church. For more details please contact John Harris, either through the Benefice office, the Benefice directory or see him after the 10am service (not 30th July). Thank you.

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.

ARDINGTON & LOCKINGE SINGERS SUMMER CONCERT Sunday 30th July, outside Lockinge Church. Gates Open at 6pm with the concert beginning at 6.30pm. Admission is free but a donation to charity can be made. Don't forget to bring a picnic!

CREAM TEAS AT THE HANNEY WAR MEMORIAL HALL Wantage Male Voices Choir invites one and all to pop into the HWMH from 3pm on Saturday 5th August to enjoy a cream tea, accompanied by some songs from the choir. No entrance fee but a donation towards the cream tea would be much appreciated.

WANTAGE LITERARY FESTIVAL 21st October – 4th November. For more details and to book tickets: www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk

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

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: Peter Rich, 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: Geoffrey Johnston, 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; Ashfields Lane in East Hanney; Columbia Way, Steptoe Close and Cotton Close in Grove; Grove Technology Park.

DIARY FOR THE MONTH *(Starting on Mon 31st July through all of August)*

Mon 31 st	1pm	Funeral and Burial of Geoffrey Johnston, St James, Hanney
Sun 6 th	2pm	Wedding Rehearsal, St Nicholas, East Challow
Mon 7 th	10am	U3A Art Group, St John's Rooms
Mon 7 th	1.45pm	Extra GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
Mon 14 th	1.45pm	Extra GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall

The following groups will still meet in August:

Tue	9.30am	Singing Group, St John's Rooms
Wed	2pm	Ancients Badminton, St John's Church Hall
Wed	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
Thu	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall

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