



Sunday 1st October **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Readings selected from:

*Psalm 25:1-9 | Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 | Exodus 17:1-7 | Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Matthew 21:23-32 | Philippians 2:1-13*

“We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deed of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done” (Psalm 78.4). We all have a story to tell, with its ups and downs. The Psalms themselves reflect the breadth, depths, and heights of the life of faith. That’s why they’re such good prayers. Perhaps our stories to our children might begin with the hymn that Paul wrote for the Philippian church: “Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God... emptied himself... and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.”

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 1st October

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Family Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
- 10am Holy Communion with Baptism, St John’s, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Peter Rich
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill
- 6pm Evening Communion, St John’s, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 8th October

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

BENEFICE NEWS

GROVE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS We look forward to welcoming Grove C of E Primary school for their “Harvest” and giving of “Bible stories to year one” on Thursday 5th October at 9.15am and 10.15am.

The Local Governing Body met last Monday and were impressed that the year had started so well despite the flooding caused by a leaking water main, an electric power cut whilst trying to mend it and the fire alarms going off every day when the ovens in the new kitchen were opened.

Nicholas Cheeseman and Colin Moulds are our foundation Governors but there are spaces for 2 others. – Please pray.

GROVE AND WANTAGE SCHOOLS PRAYER GROUP Come and join us to pray for our local schools. We meet from 4 - 5pm in the St John’s Rooms at Grove Parish Church on the following Wednesdays: 27th September 2023, 31st January 2024, and 24th April 2024. All Welcome. For more information: John Wilson or Helen Harwood at johnmwilson2012@gmail.com; andrewandhelenharwood@yahoo.co.uk;

RIDE AND STRIDE Lorna, Peter and Terry would like to thank everyone who sponsored them for this year’s event. They are pleased to report that between them they have raised £795.

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. Thank you.

GROVE CHURCH NEEDS TECH VOLUNTEERS FOR: Tech Help at the back of church on the following dates. If you can help, please contact the Office. Thanks. Projector, (and PA desk or OBS) on **25th December 2023 (10am Service)**. PA desk or OBS on **17th December 2023 (6pm Carol Service)**.

WANTAGE AND GROVE CHILDREN’S CLOTHES BANK We need children’s winter coats, particularly 6-11 yrs. Please drop at the Cornerstone in Grove or contact w.g.clothesbank@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you.

OPEN TABLE MEETINGS: Next Wednesday (6.30pm) at Cornerstone Café, Grove. Join us as we explore what Jesus calls “the Kingdom of God”. All are welcome. Supper and discussion. No charge! For more details, ask Pete & Jane Beckley or Michael & Jane Wenham.

WOMEN’S SOCIAL GROUP Meeting: Meetings are held on the 1st Sundays of the month, in the Lower St John’s Room (3pm-4.30pm). All Welcome.

ST JOHN’S TEA PARTY (CORNERSTONE) 3rd Saturdays of the month. 2pm at Cornerstone, Grove. All Welcome.

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

Cook – we are looking for a new cook & will be advertising shortly. If you would like more information or know someone who would be interested, please get in touch.

Saturday teams - we aim to assemble a 5th Saturday team 12-2pm and 2-3.30pm. It’s a great way to serve in the community & get to know Christians in other churches as you work together. Do get in touch if you are interested. Remember we are a collection point for the **Foodbank** and Children’s **Clothes bank**.

Community Fridge is here every Thursday afternoon from 4-5pm.

For more news & information, see newsletter on Grove Church noticeboard.

WELLINGTON GATE COMMUNITY FAIR 28th October from 2-5pm. It will be held at St. John's CE Academy, the new primary school. Local organisations are encouraged to host stall. Please get in touch if you are interested in a stall. Contact Anne & Stasya at wellingtongatecommunity@southandvale.gov.uk

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!! The **Samaritans purse shoe box appeal** is now under way and leaflets and details should be available at **All Benefice churches** over the next few weeks. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives and making them smile all over the world this year. Start collecting items now ready for you shoe box. More details <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child> The Kings Centre (opposite Sainsburys) will be an official Samaritans Purse Shoe box collection Centre and is open 10am-4pm Monday to Saturday. **If you can't get there, please leave them at your benefice Church by the 16th November and we will transport them for you. Many thanks** if you need more info, please email Jane on Jane.syme@virginmedia.com

The Vale Benefice Schools will have any boxes they fill collected from the school by our volunteers at a mutually arranged date & time before the week starting 13th November 2023. Thank you all for your help with the planning and logistics of this worthwhile cause.

SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF PILGRIM HOMES Approximately 5 ½ mile circular walk from Christopher's Wood Car Park to West Hendred & The Ginges meeting at 10.30am on Saturday 14th October. Please note good walking shoes or boots are strongly recommended as the route is of mixed terrain. All proceeds go towards the support of the Framland Pilgrim Home, Pilgrims' Friend Society. Sponsorship forms available from Dave Pepler via email – dave.a.pepler@gmail.com

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 Tuesday night. Email: news@valebenefice.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing: Bob Bulpitt, Rosemary Hedderley, John Butter, Norah Lunn, John Blair, Sandra Foster, Ari Psaras, Laura Challis, Ursula Geer and Richard Hummerston.

Friends & Family mourning: Cyril (Sam) Golding, Norah Grover, Beatrice Ridgway, Barbara Wood, Trevor Herman, Sandra & Chris Baker, Jayne Tidmus, Ernest Harford, Walter Wright, Pat Charles and Sacramento Fernandes.

Those being Baptised: in our Benefice Churches

Those recently Married: in our Benefice Churches

These living at: The Mulberries in East Hanney; Newlands Drive, Hawksworth Close and Minns Road in Grove; Windmill Place in East Challow; St James School in Hanney

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 42	Exodus 18:1-12	Philippians 1:3-14
Tue	Psalm 42	Exodus 18:13-27	Philippians 1:15-21
Wed	Psalm 42	Exodus 19:9b-25	Matthew 9:2-8
Thu	Psalm 19	Exodus 23:1-9	Colossians 2:16-23
Fri	Psalm 19	Exodus 23:14-19	Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
Sat	Psalm 19	Exodus 23:10-13	John 7:40-52

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 2nd October)*

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Art Group, St John's Lower Room
	12.45pm	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
	2pm	U3A Group Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Wantage Chess Club, St John's Rooms
	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Wed	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St John's Church, Grove
	1pm	<u>Funeral Service</u> of Beatrice Ridgway, St John's Church
	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Open Table Home Group, Cornerstone, Grove
	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
Thu	9.15am	Grove CE School Harvest and Bible Giving Service (church)
	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	10.15am	Grove CE School Harvest and Bible Giving Service church)
	4-5pm	Community Fridge at Cornerstone, Grove
	5.30pm	1 st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Fri	2pm	Friends on Friday, St John's Church Hall
	5.30pm	U3A Social, Lower St John's Room
Sun	11am	Meeting after 10am Grove Church service for Christmas
		Craft Event volunteers (Event on 16.12.2023). All welcome.
	4pm	Interment (Sacramenta Fernandes), Memorial Garden, Grove
	6.30pm	Senior Youth Club, St John's Church Hall
		Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet.

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