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## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

*Readings selected from:*

*Psalm 119:33-40 | Psalm 149 | Exodus 12:1-14 | Ezekiel 33:7-11*

*Matthew 18:15-20 | Romans 13:8-14*

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Sunday's psalm (149) begins: "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people...."

As this new season begins, let's thank God and pray for all those who make our lives richer through music, and especially those who enrich our worship with their musical gifts. Worship leaders have an exposed role. But the Lord takes pleasure in them – and, remarkably, in us!

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### **Our Shared Worship**

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

- 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 – Rev Alec Gill
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Peter Rich
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev John Durant
- 6pm Evening Prayer, St John's, Grove

### **Upcoming Services**

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Charles Draper
- 10am Holy Communion and Baptism, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Canon Robert Teare
- 6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

## BENEFICE NEWS

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**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.

**WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP Meeting:** For this month the women social group will be meeting on the second Sunday, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 3-4.30 pm, in the Lower St John's Room. All welcome. After this, meetings will be held on the first Sunday of each month.

**OPEN TABLE MEETINGS** Next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September at Cornerstone Café at 6.30pm. Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month, no charge. Please note that this is not a home group, but a fortnightly happening, open to anyone and everyone, who'd like a light supper followed by a time of wondering about their faith journey with fellow travelers. Bring a friend.

**ST JOHN'S TEA PARTY (CORNERSTONE)** On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm you're invited to our monthly Tea party at the Cornerstone Café, starting up again after the summer. Everyone is welcome – whatever age. Come for Cornerstone's legendary cakes and squares! Come and chat. Or enjoy the children's play-corner. And browse the books and cards etc. Hope to see you there!

### CORNERSTONE NEWS

- We are now advertising for a **Kitchen Manager** and **Cooks**. Adverts for both these posts are on the Grove Church noticeboard. Contact Cornerstone for more info.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to start up **Make & Bake** at the moment as we do not have anyone to run it. If this is something you might be interested in doing, or would like to know more information, please contact Cornerstone.
- We have a new **Take Note** promotion running throughout September which includes books and CDs. Come in and see what is on offer.
- We are still looking for a **volunteer for the "till" work on Wednesday afternoons**. Please contact us if you are able to help.
- Remember: **Community Fridge** runs here Thursdays (4-5pm). Do take surplus food to help stop food wastage. Tel: 772280 / [office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk](mailto:office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk)

**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.

**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.

**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: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024. All Welcome. For more information: John Wilson or Helen Harwood at [johnmwilson2012@gmail.com](mailto:johnmwilson2012@gmail.com); [andrewandhelenharwood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andrewandhelenharwood@yahoo.co.uk);

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP** Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September in the St John's Rooms 2-3.30pm. Meeting bi-weekly after that.

**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](mailto:contact@growfamilies.co.uk) or phone Tel: 01235 376037 if you might be able to help.

**GROVE CHURCH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR: Tech Help at the back of church:**

Projector, PA desk and OBS on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (10am Service),  
PA desk or OBS on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (6pm Carol Service) and  
PA Desk or OBS on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (10am Remembrance Day service).

If you can help with any of these, please contact the Benefice Office on [office@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@valebenefice.org.uk) / Tel: 01235 771479. Thank you.

**RIDE AND STRIDE (BENEFICE CHURCHES)** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Sponsoring and Donations are gratefully received. Any questions contact Terry at

[terrymawdesley@macace.net](mailto:terrymawdesley@macace.net) or Hillary at [hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com](mailto:hilarycakebreadhall@gmail.com)

**HELP Needed by Andrea Morgan** on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October or Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

October between 10.30-12 noon, to put all the Grove School's donated Harvest Food items out onto the alter steps in Grove Church ready for the School Harvest Services on the Thursday morning. Help will be needed again on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> between 11am-12 noon, to put all the food back in bags in the church foyer ready for the Foodbank to collect. If you can help me, please let me know and we can arrange times that suit on those mornings. Thank you so much.

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

**WANTAGE LITERARY FESTIVAL** 21<sup>st</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November. For more details and to book tickets: [www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk](http://www.wantageliteraryfestival.co.uk)

**PRAYER REQUESTS** If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to; [prayer@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@valebenefice.org.uk)

**NEWSLETTER** Send any notices to be included in the newsletter by 10pm on Tuesday night. Email: [news@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:news@valebenefice.org.uk)

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

**Friends & Family mourning:** Beatrice Ridgway, Barbara Wood, Trevor Hermann Sandra & Chris Baker, Jayne Tidmus, Ernest Harford, Walter Wright, and Pat Charles.

**These living at:** Rose Terrace in Denchworth, The Causeway and Hall Lane in East Hanney; Old Mill Close, Grovelands Court and North Drive in Grove.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 121	Exodus 12:14-28	1 Peter 2:11-17
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 121	Exodus 12:29-42	Romans 13:1-7
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 121	Exodus 13:1-10	Matthew 21:18-22
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 114	Exodus 13:17-22	1 John 3:11-16
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 114	Exodus 14:1-18	Acts 7:9-16
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 114	Exodus 15:19-21	Matthew 6:7-15

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 11<sup>th</sup> September)*

<b>Mon</b>	10am	U3A Genealogy Group, St John's Room
	10am	GroW Toddlers Group, St John's Church Hall
	12.45pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
	1.30pm	U3A Committee Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
<b>Tue</b>	10am	Simply Singing, St John's Lower Room
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney</b>
	2pm	U3A Film, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Wantage Chess Club, All St John's Rooms
	7pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
<b>Wed</b>	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	Deanery Meeting, Lower St John's Room
<b>Thu</b>	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, St John's Church Hall
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow</b>
	2pm	Bible Study Group, Lower St John's Room
	4-5pm	Community Fridge at Cornerstone, Grove
	5.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
<b>Fri</b>	2pm	Friends on Friday Group (HC), St John's Hall
<b>Sat</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer Group, Frances Gillott's House
	1pm	NCT Group, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	St John's Tea party, Cornerstone, Grove
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Sunday Clubs / Creche, St John's Church Hall &amp; Rooms</b>
	2pm	Board Games, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall

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

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