



Sunday 5th November **Fourth Sunday before Advent**

Readings selected from:

*Psalm 43 | Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 | Joshua 3:7-17 | Micah 3:5-12
Matthew 23:1-12 | 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13*

Remember, remember! We're in the season of remembering between All Saints' Day and Armistice Day. Our psalm, Old Testament reading, and Paul's letter all recall the past. Jesus in contrast focuses on the hypocrisy of his contemporaries who are so sure they are in the right. As next weekend approaches let's recall the horrors that powerful leaders have caused in the past and remember the words of the Prince of Peace: "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted." And "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 5th November

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Velma Oxley
- 10am Holy Communion (with Child's Blessing), 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 Prayer, St John's, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 12th November

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove with Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Act of Remembrance, St James, Denchworth with Rev Alec Gill
- 10am Remembrance Service, St John's, Grove with Rev John Durant
- 10.45am Remembrance Service, St James, Hanney with Rev Alec Gill
- 11am Act of Remembrance & Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow with Rev John Durant and Sue Powditch (LLM)
- 2.30pm Grove Parish Council Remembrance Day Service, Grove Cemetery
- 6pm Evening Communion, St John's, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

CHRISTCHURCH, OXFORD: Please pray for Sarah Shackleton at her Lay Minister Licensing Service on 4th November (11am).

PLEASE PRAY for those affected by the conflict in the Middle East. If you wish to donate towards the Christian Aid appeal, you can donate by CASH only for the next 2 weeks at St John's Church Services or at the Benefice Office (for other Benefice Churches, please ask your churchwarden or key contact). If you would like a copy of prayers from the Archbishop of Canterbury / booklet of prayers from other church leaders, please ask a churchwarden, sides person or the Benefice Office.

ANGELA HANDLEY'S FUNERAL will be at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium on Monday 20th November at 11am. Please pray for her family and friends.

GROVE PCC MEETING is on Tuesday 14.11.2023 (8pm) at G & B Cook's house.

CHRISTMAS CARDS For those who like to be organised early for Christmas, Sue Powditch is selling cards after church on Sundays 5th & 19th November.

All proceeds to go to St John's church funds. Do come and have a look.

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS Craft FAYRE: Sat 2nd December (3pm-5pm) in the Hall. Children's & adult crafts for sale, nearly new gifts, tombola, books & toys stall, kids' activities, homemade candles, Cornerstone goods, mulled wine & mince pies. Do bring donations for tombola, books & toys (in good condition) to Church Office. Please invite friends & family to this festive afternoon. If you can help, please add your name to a stall or for setting up & clearing away (Sign-up sheet in church foyer). Thank you.



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON Join us for a social afternoon of craft-making at St. John's on Saturday 16th December from 2-5pm. There will be several different Christmas craft packs for you to choose from (with volunteers on hand to help you with instructions) or you can bring your own craft. Mulled wine and mince pies will help us to get into the festive mood. The event is aimed at adults and there will not be provision for children (babes in arms are obviously

welcome). Please sign up by emailing the Benefice Office; office@valebenefice.org.uk or putting your name down on the sheet at the back of church so we have an idea of numbers; there is no charge, but donations to cover costs and towards the work of St. John's would be welcome.

FREE New 500-Watt programable convector heater floor or wall mountable, available free. Contact dmann1914@gmail.com

FULL SIZE ACOUSTIC GUITAR: FREE A small chip on the machine head. Has a lovely bright, resonant sound. Comes with a battered but serviceable case. Good for beginners. Contact Sarah Jane Frideswide ruacheish@gmail.com

POST BABY MEAL TRAIN (Rachel, Andy & Pippa Hutchin) (2 adults, 1 toddler)

If anyone is able to drop over a meal over the next few weeks, please contact Johanna on 07808504286

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP Meet informally (1st Sundays of a month) 3pm-4.30pm in St John's Rooms, to chat over a hot drink. We are all ages & we'd love for more to join us. **Next one is THIS Sunday 5th November.** Look forward to seeing you.

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

28th Birthday – This month we celebrate 28 years of the Cornerstone in Grove. Give thanks for God’s faithfulness through the years.

Please continue to pray that the right people come forward to fill the roles we have for **Kitchen Manager** and **Cook**. More information can be found on the noticeboard or contact Cornerstone.

Make & Bake for Under 5s continues on Tuesday mornings 9.30-11am during term time. £2 per child includes activities and drink – no need to book.

We have a new **Take Note** promotion – leaflets detailing the books on offer can be found on the welcome table in the church entrance hall.

We now have a good selection of **Advent** study books, advent calendars and candles as well as **Christmas** cards and gifts. Do come in and browse.

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYERS 8.30am at Frances Gillott’s house, Grove (except 2nd Saturdays when it is held at Cornerstone). All welcome.

CORNERSTONE PRAYER BREAKFAST 8.30am on 2nd Saturdays at Cornerstone.

ST JOHN’S TEA PARTY (at Cornerstone) **Saturday 18.11.2023 (2pm)**. All Welcome.

OPEN TABLE MEETINGS: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (**15th Nov**) at 6.30pm at Cornerstone Café. Details from Pete & Jane Beckley or Michael & Jane Wenham.

MY TRIP TO SOUTH SOUDAN (29th Oct - 9th Nov). **Geoff Maughan** joins a small team of trainers to visit a remote diocese of Nzara in South Sudan this week. They were invited by the local Bishop to lead a week-long training conference for 120 lay people who are learning how to lead small groups across the diocese. South Sudan is a Christian country that has separated from its larger Muslim neighbour to the north. Geoff and his colleagues fly to the capital Juba on the Nile before flying out with Mission Aviation Fellowship (in a small Cessna) to the western border near the Congo. **Please pray** for safe travel, a good conference and lots of active learning by participants. South Sudan is peaceful, unlike the Muslim north, but has welcomed many thousands of refugees from the north. The organisation setting this up is ‘Rooted in Jesus’ <http://www.rootedinjesus.net/>

TEABOOKS WITH AGEUK: 3rd Fridays, 10.30 - 11.30am at Wantage Library. Small, friendly book group to share love of books, reading & meet people. £1/session (1st session free). Please book. Wheelchair accessible. Call 01235 849434, email teabooks@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire.

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 128	Joshua 4:1-24	1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Tue	Psalm 128	Joshua 6:1-16, 20	Acts 13:1-12
Wed	Psalm 128	Joshua 10:12-14	Matthew 15:1-9
Thu	Psalm 78:1-7	Joshua 5:10-12	Revelation 8:6-9:12
Fri	Psalm 78:1-7	Joshua 8:30-35	Revelation 9:13-21
Sat	Psalm 78:1-7	Joshua 20:1-9	Matthew 24:1-14

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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

Friends & Family mourning: Christopher Nugent, Angela Handley, Jeffery Lovelock, Kate Dandridge, Cyril (Sam) Golding and Norah Grover.

These living at: Mayfield Avenue, Laurel Crescent and Manor Gardens in Grove; St Nicholas School in East Challow; Morlands in East Hanney; Circourt Road in Denchworth.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 6th November)*

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
	6.45pm	Remembrance Day Service Rehearsal, Grove Church
	7pm	1 st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	GroW Parenting Course, <u>Lower</u> St John's Room
	8pm	Deanery Standing/Pastoral Meeting, <u>Upper</u> St John's Room
Tue	9.30am	Make & Bake at Cornerstone, Grove
	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
Wed	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	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	Trefoil Guild, Lower St John's Room
Thu	8pm	Vale Elim, Upper St John's Room
	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	1pm	Funeral of Jeffery Lovelock, St James Church, W. Hanney
	2pm	Bible Group, Lower St John's Room
Sat	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
	8.30am	Cornerstone Prayer Breakfast, Cornerstone, Grove
Sun	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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