



Sunday 12th November

Remembrance Sunday

Readings selected from:

*Psalm 70 | Psalm 78:1-7 | Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 | Amos 5:18-24
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13*

The horrors of warfare, especially in Ukraine and Palestine/Israel, dominate our airwaves as they haven't done for many years.

And so we must pray all the more: "Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow; and,
as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Our Shared Worship

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- 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, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 19th November – (Safeguarding Sunday)

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

PLEASE PRAY for those affected by the conflict in the Middle East.

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

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

CORNERSTONE PRAYER BREAKFAST 8.30am on 2nd Saturdays at Cornerstone, Grove. Next one is **THIS Saturday 11th Nov.** All welcome.

SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL A big thank you for all the wonderful shoeboxes that have come into church & the Kings center over the past weeks. This **Sunday 12th November** is the final day that they can be bought into St John's Church before they start their journey onwards. Many thanks for wonderful support.

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

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



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.

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.

WALFINCH: Tea & Activity I'm Hannah from Walfinch Care Company, Wantage.

We are running a group in the Lower St John's Room at St Johns Church, Grove, for pensioners & those in need of care on; Thursdays: **16th & 30th November AND 14th December** from 1:15pm - 3:15pm. This is an opportunity for people to socialise & get out of the house. Cake and refreshments will be supplied. All welcome. Hannah.

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

BLISTER PACKS PLEASE NOTE These are NOT being collected now by the Benefice Churches or by The Mix in Wantage. Please put them in your recycling waste now. Thank you all.

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

BABY MEAL TRAIN Thank you for all the wonderful helpers who have enabled us to bless the Hutchins with meals since their new baby boy was born. Johanna.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at St John's Church Sunday 10th December (4pm).

A BIG THANK YOU to all who sponsored us for the recent Christian Aid walk for the Israel Gaza humanitarian aid appeal. £150 was raised! Peter & Angela

CHARITY AUCTION on behalf of the Dr Ann-Marie Wilson (a CMS Mission Partner who works tirelessly to fight FGM) & The Orchid Project www.orchidproject.org. If you would like to donate to receive any of these art, book & bric a brac items, please contact Helen Harwood THIS week on andrewandhelenharwood@yahoo.co.uk Money raised goes to the above charities. View the items at: <https://bit.ly/charity-auction-helen> **OR** sponsor Andrew Harwood, who is completing a run to support the above charities.

BOARD GAMES LOUNGE Sundays 2-5pm once a month ish! At St John's Church Hall, Grove (2-5pm). Next dates are 19th November 2023 & 21st January 2024. All Welcome. Cake and Drinks provided for small donations.

ST JOHN'S TEA PARTY Don't forget! This month's St John's Tea Party is on Saturday 18th (2-3pm) at Cornerstone. **EVERYONE OF EVERY AGE IS WELCOME.** A great opportunity to get to know each other better.

OPEN TABLE MEETINGS: The next **Open Table at Cornerstone**, Grove, is on Wednesday 15th at 6.30pm. Especially good for friends who are a bit iffy about church services for whatever reason. Free home-cooked meal and open-ended discussion at present based around Jesus' teaching about the "Kingdom of heaven." For more info, ask Pete & Jane Beckley or Michael & Jane Wenham.

CORNERSTONE NEWS Email: office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk Tel: 772280 This month we celebrate the **28th Birthday** 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 for **Kitchen Manager & 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, candles & advent calendars as well as **Christmas** cards and gifts. Do come in and browse.

FREE Digital Help at Grove Library learn the basics of computers, smartphones, tablets with one of our volunteers! Every other Friday or appointment on other days. Contact us to book a session. Tel: 01235 763841 / grove.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

GROVE LIBRARY: Fancy a board game? We'll put our Scrabble or Chess set out all day on every **Thursday in November**. Bring a friend! 9am-12.30pm and 2pm-5pm.

FRAMLAND CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 16th December (10am – 12 noon).

GROVE CE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET Saturday 9th December (12 – 2pm).

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 78	Joshua 24:25-33	1 Corinthians 14:20-25
Tue	Psalm 78	Nehemiah 8:1-12	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Wed	Psalm 78	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Matthew 24:29-35
Thu	Psalm 123	Judges 2:6-15	Revelation 16:1-7
Fri	Psalm 123	Judges 2:16-23	Revelations 16:8-21
Sat	Psalm 123	Judges 5:1-12	Matthew 12:43-45

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: Letcombe Walk, Mandhill Drive and Lime Tree Close in Grove; Sarajac Avenue in East Challow; Ashfields in East Hanney; Church Street, W. Hanney

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 13th November)*

Mon 9am Last chance to leave Christmas Shoeboxes at St John's Church for collection

	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Genealogy Group, St John's Lower Room
	11am	Funeral service for Kay Dandridge , South Ox. Crematorium
	12.45pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
	1.30pm	U3A Committee Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	7pm	1 st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	GroW Parenting Course, Lower St John's Room
Tue	9.30am	Make & Bake at Cornerstone, Grove
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney
	2pm	U3A Film 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
	8pm	Grove Church PCC Meeting (held at a private home)
Wed	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	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
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
Thu	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	11am	U3A Leaders Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	1.15pm	Walfinch: Tea & Activity, Lower St John's Room
	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 Holy Communion, St John's Church Hall
Sat	2pm	St John's Tea Party at Cornerstone, Grove
	4pm	Private Party, St John's Church Hall
Sun	2pm	St John's Boardgames Afternoon, Church Hall
	7pm	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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