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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**

*Readings selected from:*

*Psalm 1 | Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 | Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 | Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Matthew 22:34-46 | 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

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“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord you God will all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love you neighbour as yourself’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The ancient Jesus prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on us.”

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**Our Shared Worship**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney –Rev Charles Draper
- 10am Holy Communion, St John’s, Grove – Rev John Durant
- 10am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Robin Lapwood
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Canon Robert Teare
- 6pm Evening Worship, St John’s, Grove

**Upcoming Services**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Communion St John’s, Grove

## BENEFICE NEWS

**CHRISTCHURCH, OXFORD:** Please pray for Sarah Shackleton at her Lay Minister Licensing Service on 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3 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.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** For those who like to be organised early for Christmas, Sue Powditch is selling cards after church on Sundays 29<sup>th</sup> October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November. All proceeds to St John's, unlike most charity cards which only give a percentage to the charity concerned. Do come and have a look.

**ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS Craft FAYRE: Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**SATURDAY MORNING PRAYERS** 8.30am at Frances Gillott's house, Grove (except 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays when it is held at Cornerstone). All welcome.

**CORNERSTONE PRAYER BREAKFAST** 8.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at Cornerstone.

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

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

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

**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

**PRAYER REQUESTS** please email confidentially to; [prayer@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@valebenefice.org.uk)

**CORNERSTONE NEWS** - Tel: 772280 Email: [office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk](mailto:office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk)

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 and Bake for Under 5s** continues Tuesday mornings 9.30-11am during termtime. £2 per child includes activities and drink – no need to book.

We have a new **Take Note** promotion including the category winners from the Booksellers Conference – do come and browse.

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

**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/>

**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](mailto:ruacheish@gmail.com)

**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)

**CHRISTIAN AID WALK 10KM (28.10.2023)** Donations/Sponsor money can still be given to this for the Christian Aid Appeal. Contact Peter and Angela (01235 411315)

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

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** 4/11/2023 (8.30am/8.45am start). Stanford in the Vale (Large) Village Hall. Speaker: Margaret Williams "Over the hill? It's not about getting older, but your vision when you reach the top." To book or for details, leave a message on 07880655102 / email [Womensbreakfast@stdenys.org](mailto:Womensbreakfast@stdenys.org) by 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**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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## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 119:41-48	Numbers 33:38-39	James 2:8-13
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 119:41-48	Exodus 34:29-35	James 2:14-26
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	Joshua 1:1-11	Romans 2:17-29
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	Joshua 2:1-14	2 Peter 2:1-3
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	Joshua 2:15-24	Matthew 23:13-28

## 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, Norah Grover, Beatrice Ridgway and Sacky Fernandes

**These living at:** Kennet Close, Meadow Close and Kingfishers in Grove; The Orchard in East Challow; School Road, Ebbs Lane in East Hanney.

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October)*

<b>Mon</b>	7.30pm	GroW Parenting Group, Lower St John's Room
<b>Tue</b>	9.30am	Make & Bake, Cornerstone, Grove
	10am	Simply Singing, St John's Lower Room
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney</b>
	2pm	U3A Special Technical Session, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Wantage Chess Club, 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
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Holy Communion at St John's, Grove</b>
	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
<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>
	1pm	Walfinch Tea & Activity Event, 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, St John's Church Hall
<b>Sat</b>	9.30am	Rainbows Event, St John's Church Hall
	11am	Sarah Shackleton's Licensing, Christchurch, Oxford
<b>Sun</b>	3pm	Women's Social Group, Lower St John's Room
	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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