

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing (short term): John Hedges, John Hudson, Gemma Gill and Mary Lesrma.

Health and healing (long term): Bob Bulpitt, John Butter, Ari Psaras, Laura Challis, Ursula Geer & Richard Hummerston.

Friends & Family mourning: Susan Aitken and Kate & Ronald Dandridge

These living at: Snuggs Lane in East Hanney; Main Street in West Hanney; Vale Avenue, Caudwell Close & Tulwick Lane in Grove; The Orchard in East Challow.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 27,30	Genesis 37: 1-11	Galatians 1
Tue	Psalm 32, 36	Genesis 37: 12-end	Galatians 2: 1-10
Wed	Psalm 38	Daniel 9:3-6,17-19	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Thu	Psalm 77 or 37	Genesis 39	Galatians 2: 11-end
Fri	Psalm 3,7 or 31	Genesis 40	Galatians 3: 1-14
Sat	Psalm 71 or 41,42,43	Genesis 41:1-24	Galatians 3: 15-22

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Mon 12th February)

Mon	10am	U3A Genealogy Group, Lower St John's Rooms
	2pm	U3A Committee Meeting, Lower St John's Room
Tue	Shrove Tuesday	
	10am	Tuesday Simply Singing Group, Lower St John's Room
	2pm	U3A (Film) Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Wantage Chess Club, St John's Rooms
Wed	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	2.30pm	Trefoil Guild Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday HC Service, St Nicholas Church, E. Challow
Thu	<u>Benefice Office Closed - Church & Hall building unavailable for use.</u>	
	2pm	Bible Group/Lent Course, Lower St John's Rooms
	4-5pm	Community Fridge at Cornerstone, Grove
Fri	<u>Benefice Office Closed</u>	
	10am	U3A Cribbage Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	2pm	Friends on Friday HC Service, St John's Church Hall
Sat	8.30am	Morning Prayers at Frances Gillott's house, Grove
	2pm	St John's Tea Party at Cornerstone, Grove

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

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Sunday 11th February

1st Sunday before Lent

Readings selected from:

Psalm 50:1-6 | 2 Kings 2:1-12 | 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 | Mark 9:2-9

If we were looking for a common theme in our psalm and readings today, it might be 'seeing God's glory.' Elisha sees it as his mentor, Elijah, is taken to heaven in a chariot of fire. Asaph sees it in God's appearance in Zion, the holy city. Peter, James and John see it in the transfigured Jesus on the mountain. So where might **we** see it? St Paul answers: 'God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.' Entering Lent, let's pray to see Him there.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 11th February

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
- 9am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Revd Canon David Tyler (Archdeacon of Dorchester)
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
- 10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Revd Canon David Tyler (Archdeacon of Dorchester)
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill
- 6pm Evening Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Peter Rich

Upcoming Services

Wednesday 14th February

- 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion, St Nicholas Church, E. Challow

Sunday 18th February

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev Nicholas Cheeseman
- 9am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Peter rich
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rt Rev Gavin Collins
- 10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Robin Lapwood
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rt Rev Gavin Collins
- 6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

REMINDERS:

ST JAMES CHURCH, DENCHWORTH will be welcoming Rev'd Canon David Tyler (Archdeacon of Dorchester) as he leads our 9am service THIS Sunday (11th February). All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

CORNERSTONE PRAYER BREAKFAST 8.30am THIS Saturday at Cornerstone.

NO MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES in the Vale Benefice Churches next week, between 12th – 16th February.

ST JAMES, W. HANNEY MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES are now monthly on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Next one is 20th February.

PRAYERFUL LISTENING TO GOD For the rest of 2024 there will be a weekly time of prayerful listening to God about where we are as churches & a benefice & where God may be leading us next. 9:40am-10am every Sunday in the St John's rooms, Grove Church. Join us whenever you can. There are some prayer sheets for the year, to guide the process, which will be left in the bookcase of the small old office room in the St John's Room building. Many thanks, Sarah Shackleton.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be on Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm at St Nicholas Church, East Challow. All Welcome.

GROVE CHURCH LENT COURSE runs during the regular "Bible Group" Meetings, every Thursday from 15th February - 21st March (2pm-3.30pm) in the Lower St John's Room. All Benefice welcome. Bible readings & reflections from Christian leaders from the Middle East & the UK. **Lent: "Healing and Hope in the one household of God."**

BENEFICE LENT COURSE in East Challow. Meeting from Wed 21st February to Wed 20th March, (5 sessions), from 7:30pm at Jeff and Jenny Penfold's house. Please contact the Benefice Office if you need the address. This year's lent course will look at women in the Gospels & is open to anyone from the Benefice who would like to join.

ST JOHN'S TEA PARTY at Cornerstone, Grove on Saturday 17th February (2pm-3pm). All welcome. A lovely opportunity to meet & chat with others while also supporting Cornerstone, Grove.

HANNEY CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS the total collections taken at the 4 services arranged by St James were split 50:50 between the Wantage & Grove Foodbank & Crisis at Christmas, totaling £962. Great thanks to the generosity of all our community.

GROVE CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS We have received letters of thanks from Oxford Gatehouse (homeless charity), Open Doors and Little People for the donations sent from St John's after Christmas. The letters can be seen on the noticeboard in the foyer.

GROVE CHURCH PARKING Please can you ensure that you park with care and consideration in the car park at Grove Church & that you do not park on the grass verges outside the church gates (council land) as we are getting complaints from neighbours about people parking on those areas during our Sunday services. Thanks.

TREFOIL MEETING 14th Feb, Lower St John's Room (2.30pm – 4pm). Christchurch New Zealand/aftershock, building for the future. Sue & Andy Clark's reflections on a recent visit to New Zealand (pictures, craft & chat with Grove & Hanney Trefoil Guild. Visitors welcome.

THANK YOU! to the kind anonymous people who have left craft items for me in pigeonholes in Grove church. Sue Powditch.

We are delighted to say that we have appointed a new **Kitchen Manager** who will be starting with us at the end of February. Please pray for her and the rest of the staff as they work together as a new team.

Ash Wednesday is on 14th February, and we have a good selection of **Lent Books** on the shelves. We also have some **Easter cards** for those who like to buy early.

Take Note - we have a new Take Note promotion, do come and see the latest offers. There are leaflets with further details on the welcome table at St John's.

BADMINTON The "Ancient Badminton Group" who Play in the Grove Church Hall (2pm) on Wednesday afternoons are looking for new members. Why not come along as a guest and give us a try. We are a very friendly group with varied abilities. Just turn up or contact Ray Cordon on 01235 764264 raycordon@mypostoffice.co.uk

LOST PROPERTY On Sunday, 14th January, after the 10.15am morning Service at Grove Church, a young person's coat was accidentally picked up from the pegs in the Church foyer. It's a black reversible zipped jacket, fleece on one side & raincoat type material on the other. It is embroidered with the young person's school logo 'LVS Oxford' on raincoat side of coat (on front left). Please could you check your young people's coats at home in case you have picked up the wrong coat that Sunday. Please contact the Benefice Office (details below) Many thanks for your help with this.

EGG BOXES NEEDED Wantage Parish Church are holding a "Messy Church Service" on Sunday 24th February & would be very grateful for empty **cardboard** egg boxes to make oysters! They are expecting a large number of children at this service. Please take directly or leave at the Benefice Office to be passed on to them. Thank you.

WANTAGE & GROVE STREET PASTORS Afternoon Patrols launching - Spring 2024. Paul Gander, Pastor of Wantage Community Church, is spearheading our afternoon patrols ministry and is looking for Christians from our local churches to join him on the streets as Street Pastors or in prayer. Previously a youth outreach worker in Didcot, Paul is experienced in working on the streets. He'll be training as a Street Pastor and leading a team. Join him and start your training now! No previous experience necessary. Full training given. Wonderful adventure guaranteed! Patrols in Wantage on Fridays from 2.30pm to about 5pm. If you are interested please call us on 07554 655 594 or Email wantageandgrove@streetpastors.org.uk . For more information visit our website: bit.ly/wgsp-afternoons Thank you.

CMS OPEN DAYS Pioneer Open Days onsite: 10.30am-2pm at Church Mission Society, Watlington Road, Oxford OX4 6BZ on **Mon 26 Feb, Mon 29 April, & Mon 10 June 2024.** Pioneer open evenings online: 7pm-8.30pm on **Tue 27 Feb, Tue 30 April, & Tue 11 June 2024.** African Christianity open evenings online: Tuesdays 7pm-8.30pm, **5 March, 23 April, 18 June and 23 July 2024.** Booking essential. Email: Pioneer@churchmissionsociety.org

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 24th February, Stanford in the Vale Village hall (large Hall), 8.30am for an 8.45am start. Book in advance by 19/2/2024. Email: womensbreakfast@stdenys.org or leaving a message on 07880655102.

OPEN MORNING The King's School, Witney. Tuesday 5th March, (10:30am-noon). Discover The King's School, a small, friendly Christian school, for ages 3-16, in Witney, OX29 6TA. Website: www.tkswitney.org.uk Register at registrar@tkswitney.org.uk

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