

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Mon 11th March)

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Genealogy Group, Lower St John's Room
	12.45pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	1 st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Tue	9.30am	Make & Bake at Cornerstone, Grove
	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
	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	7.45pm	Grove PCC Meeting at Cornerstone, Grove
Wed	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	11am	Funeral (T/L Barry Herman), St James Church, W. Hanney
	2pm	WGCP Leaders Meeting, Upper St John's Room
	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	Benefice Lent Course (The Penfold's house), Challow
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
	2pm	Bible Group/Lent Course, St John's Rooms
	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	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Frances Gillott's house, Grove
	2pm	Wedding Preparation Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	St John's Tea Party at Cornerstone, Grove
Sun	2pm	Board Games Afternoon, 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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PRAYER REQUESTS If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to; prayer@valebenefice.org.uk

VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



10th March 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

Readings selected from:

Psalm 34:11-20; 127:1-4; Exodus 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 1:20-28; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7;
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:33-35; John 19:25-27

'Mothering Sunday' is a day of mixed emotions. Our selection of readings reflects this. If it fills you with the joys of spring, you might want to concentrate on the Old Testament readings. If the day brings you a lot of pain, you might find the New Testament readings helpful, especially 2 Corinthians. Whoever we are in a fellowship, let's bear each others' joy and pain in our hearts and prayers.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 10th March

- 8am Holy Communion, St Johns, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
- 9am Holy Communion, St James, Denchworth – Rev Peter Rich
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James, Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
- 10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Sarah Shackleton (LLM)
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Alec Gill
- 6pm Evening Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Peter Rich

Upcoming Services

Sunday 17th March

- 8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove — Rev Alec Gill
- 9am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth — Rev Alec Gill
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney — Rev Geoff Maughan
- 10.15am Holy Communion (with Baptism), St John's, Grove — Rev Alec Gill
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow — Rev Nicholas Cheeseman
- 6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

REMINDERS:

ASC SUPPORT COFFEE AFTERNOON (with SENCo: Mrs Elgar) at Grove CE School (2pm) on **Thursday 7th March 2024**. Grove & Wantage community welcome.

CORNERSTONE Prayer Breakfast at Cornerstone, Grove, **Sat. 9th March** (8.30am).

OPEN TABLE MEETING at Cornerstone, Grove, **Wednesday 6th March** (6.30pm).

GROVE PCC MEETING: Tuesday 12th March at Cornerstone, Grove (7.45pm).

PRAYERFUL LISTENING TO GOD There will be a weekly time of prayer for our churches & our benefice, & where God may be leading us. 9:40am-10am Sundays in the St John's rooms, Grove Church. Do join us.

CARDS ON SALE: Sue Powditch will be selling Easter cards after the 10.15am service on **10th March**. All proceeds go to St Johns Church. Many thanks.

NO MID-WEEK EUCHARISTS at **St Nicholas, E. Challow** on Thursday 28th March & 11th April AND at **St James, W. Hanney** on Tuesday 26th March.

GROVE CHURCH LENT COURSE runs during the regular "Bible Group" Meetings, Thursdays until 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 Wednesdays until 20.3.2024, from 7:30pm at Jeff and Jenny Penfold's house. Looking at women in the Gospels. This is open to anyone from the Benefice who would like to join. All welcome.

EASTER FLOWERS (St John's Church) Thank you to the Flower team who will be creating Easter Flower arrangements in church. There is a basket at the back of church for donations towards this for those who would like to contribute. Thank you.

GOOD FRIDAY OPEN AIR SERVICE As usual this service will be held at 11am on the green at the bottom of Vale Avenue (if wet, we will meet in the Methodist Church). Followed by tea, coffee and hot cross buns. All welcome.

BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON St John's Church Hall (2 pm-5 pm). 17th March.

ST JOHN'S TEA PARTY at Cornerstone. Saturday 16th March (2pm-3pm). A lovely opportunity to meet with others while supporting Cornerstone, Grove. All welcome.

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

Easter is fast approaching and we have a good selection of Easter cards, Divine Chocolate Easter eggs as well as books for both adults and children.

The **monthly hot meal special** will be served on Wednesday 27th March. Please do book in advance so we know how many to cater for. Remember we are a drop-off point for both the **Wantage and Grove Foodbank** and the **Children's clothes bank**. Unfortunately, due to a shortage of volunteers, The Mix is no longer able to bring the **Community Fridge** to Cornerstone on Thursdays.

WANTAGE PARISH CHURCH Open Air Easter Services: Palm Sunday: 24.3.2024 (10am), Wantage Marketplace. Wantage Churches come together for a short Service, including procession with donkey and Wantage Silver Band. **Good Friday: 29.3.2024** Walk with Wantage & Grove Church Partnership. Meet 10:30am in Kingsgrove Square, finish: 1pm in Marketplace for hot cross buns!

LITTLE PEOPLE need a volunteer who could assist with delivering items to families in need. Needs own transport availability in the daytime. Contact the Office. Thank you.
ST JOHN'S CHURCH FETE 2024 - 29.6.2024 - Save the date! Look out soon for more news regarding this, with opportunity to sign up and get involved.



Girlguiding

Grove District Guides

Hanney & wishing to be included in our annual egg delivery. Please contact Jane on 07914539136 / jane.syme59@gmail.com by Monday 11th March. The Guiding family of Grove wishes everyone a Happy Easter. If you'd like to know more about Guiding in Grove or Hanney & would be interested in helping in any of our units please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

Annual Egg Delivery

'To serve the King and my Community' is part of the guiding promise and to fulfil this promise every year Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Grove and Hanney enjoy taking part in a community service by delivering Easter cards and Fresh eggs to the Senior Citizens of Grove and Hanney. Delivering 20th - 28th March.

We would love to hear of anyone over 65, new to Grove or

GroW: SAVE A BABY'S LIFE WORKSHOP:

Wednesday 27th March (1-2pm), Old Mill Hall, Grove.

Run by the Royal Lifesaving Society UK.

Teaching basic emergency skills to anyone who cares for a baby.

You will learn: Infant Life Support (CPR), Infant Choking (diagnosis and treatment) and Infant Drowning (diagnosis and treatment)

Book your free place online at www.growfamilies.co.uk or email contact@growfamilies.co.uk

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 70,77	Exodus 2.11-22	Hebrews 9.1-14
Tue	Psalm 54,79	Exodus 2.23-3.20	Hebrews 9.15-end
Wed	Psalm 63,90	Exodus 4.1-23	Hebrews 10.1-18
Thu	Psalm 53,86	Exodus 4.27-6.1	Hebrews 10.19-25
Fri	Psalm 102	Exodus 6.2-13	Hebrews 10.26-end
Sat	Psalm 32	Exodus 7.8-end	Hebrews 11.1-16

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Health & healing (short term): John Hedges and John Hudson.

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

Friends & Family mourning: Barry Herman, Sue Aitken and Kate & Ronald Dandridge.

Those living in: Morlands and Steventon Road in East Hanney; Sycamore Walk, Colne Close and Swan Close in Grove; Hedge Hill Road in East Challow.