

## **7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Easter 2 & 3

### *Readings selected from*

Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-31  
Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48

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In these weeks we reflect on what transformed the frightened doubting Group of Jesus' followers into a cohesive sacrificial outward-looking community who within weeks attracted thousands to their radical way of life. Perhaps this is something for us to consider as we think and pray about God's choice of a new vicar for the benefice.

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### **Our Shared Worship**

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Nicholas Cheeseman  
9am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Rev Peter Rich  
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Rev Velma Oxley  
10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Robin Lapwood  
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Rev Peter Rich  
6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

### **Upcoming Services**

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

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 Preb Jane Haslam  
10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Sarah Shackleton (LLM)  
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Rev Alec Gill  
6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

#### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill  
9am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Ven David Tyler  
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Rev Alec Gill  
10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Ven David Tyler  
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Rev Velma Oxley  
6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

## BENEFICE NEWS

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### REMINDERS:

**FRIENDS ON FRIDAY** meeting on Friday 5th April, (2pm-3.30pm) in Church Hall with an Easter theme, including Presentation by the Open the Book Team. All welcome.

**PRAYERFUL LISTENING TO GOD** 9:40am-10am Sundays in the St John's rooms, Grove Church. Please do join the weekly time of prayer for our Benefice Churches and where God may be leading us.

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**NO MID-WEEK EUCHARISTS** at **St Nicholas, E. Challow** on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**PARISH AUDIT WORKSHOPS (St John's)** Please sign up to attend **one** of the Parish Audit Workshops available (sign up sheets on the noticeboard in the Church Hall). All workshops are the same, so you only need to attend one. These will be in the Lower St John's Room on the following: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April (8pm – 9.30pm), Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April (2pm -3.30pm), Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (8pm – 9.30pm) Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April (8pm-9.30pm). Many thanks.

**FLOWERS AT GROVE** The flowers in the entrance hall are from Frank and Sue Parnell to celebrate their Golden Wedding on 6<sup>th</sup> April. If you have a special event you'd like to celebrate in this way please speak to Wendy or Carol.

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE 2024:** There are forms on the Welcome table in the church foyer. If you would like to join, amend or remove yourself from the electoral roll, please complete one and return to the office/leave in post box.

**A GET WELL MESSAGE** to Wendy Rutterford who is recovering in the JR Hospital from a broken hip. Wishing you a speedy & full recovery with God's healing grace.

**VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER** There will be **no** newsletter on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**VALE BENEFICE OFFICE** Please can you contact Andrea in advance to make an appointment if you need to visit the office in the coming weeks. Many thanks.

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH FETE 2024** We look forward to the church summer fete (**29th June 2-4pm**) as part of St John's Patronal Festival. We have a meeting on **Monday 15th April (7.30pm) in the UPPER St John's room**, so we can plan ahead. Please come if you can or let Nicky Gibbard know if you can help in any way: [nicky.gibbard@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:nicky.gibbard@valebenefice.org.uk) Please save tins, jars & bottles of food, drink, toiletries for the tombola, nearly new toys, books, bric a brac and raffle prizes etc. Please grow plants for our plant stall & advise me if any of your family or friends can do face painting. Many thanks, Nicky.

**LEISURE NEEDS SURVEY** Vale of White Horse District Council is inviting your comments on a Playing Pitch Strategy & a Leisure Facilities Strategy, giving feedback about what they need to protect, enhance, & provide. To complete your views, please go to <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/LeisurePitchVale>, the deadline is 17th April.

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

**Cream Teas:** We are serving cream teas during April for £5 per head.

**Part-time paid cook vacancy:** we are looking for a cook for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am-2.30pm. If you or someone you know is interested, do get in touch. **Volunteers:** We are also in need of more volunteers, either serving in the café, washing up or helping in the bookshop. Again, do get in touch if interested.

**Monthly hot meal special:** This will be served on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April (12.30pm). Please book in advance so we know how many to cater for.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to; [prayer@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:prayer@valebenefice.org.uk)

**VIVA Concert for a brighter future: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** (7.30pm) at St Margaret's Church, Oxford, OX2 6RX. International Concert Pianist John Bryden presents: Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Liszt, Brahms & Chopin. Free entry, donations for VIVA. Thank you.

**OLD BATTERIES:** St John's has some (not fully used up) AA (1.5v) alkaline batteries if anyone wants them for remote controls etc at home. Contact the Office.

**NEWSLETTER CONTENT:** [news@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:news@valebenefice.org.uk) Items for newsletter inclusion will be put in for 2 weeks, Please re-send your content by 10pm on Tuesdays if you wish your notice to go into the newsletter again. Thank you.

**GroW EVENTS: To book an event email: [contact@growfamilies.co.uk](mailto:contact@growfamilies.co.uk)**

**Parenting Course: Starts 17.6.2024 (for 5 weeks). 7.30pm in Lower St John's Room.**

**Baby Massage: Starts 15.5.2024 (for 5 weeks). 10.30am in Lower St John's Room.**

**Pediatric 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course: 4.5.2024. 10am in St John's Church Hall.**

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER (8-20 April)

Mon	Psalm 111,113	1 Samuel 2.1-10	Romans 5.12-end
Tue	Psalm 8,20,21	Exodus 15.22-16.10	Colossians 1.15-end
Wed	Psalm 16,30	Exodus 16.11-end	Colossians 2.1-15
Thu	Psalm 28, 29	Exodus 17	Colossians 2.16-3.11
Fri	Psalm 57,61	Exodus 18.1-12	Colossians 3.12-4.1
Sat	Psalm 63,84	Exodus 18.13-end	Colossians 4.2-end
Mon	Psalm 96,97	Exodus 19	Luke 1.1-25
Tue	Psalm 98,99,100	Exodus 20.1-21	Luke 1.26-38
Wed	Psalm 105	Exodus 24	Luke 1.39-56
Thu	Psalm 136	Exodus 25.1-22	Luke 1.57-end
Fri	Psalm 107	Exodus 28.1-4a,29-38	Luke 2.1-20
Sat	Psalm 108,110,111	Exodus 29-19	Luke 2.21-40

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR....

**Health & healing (short term)**: Wendy Rutterford, Lucille Vaughan, John & June Hedges.

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

**Friends & Family mourning**: John Hudson, Gabriella-Angel Kahlari, Barry Herman, Sue Aitken and Kate & Ronald Dandridge.

**Those living in** Bramley Close in East Hanney; St John's Road, Easterfield and St Ives Road in Grove; Hill Close and Windmill Place in East Challow

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April)

<b>Mon</b>	10am	U3A Genealogy Group, Lower St John's Room
	1.30pm	U3A Committee Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	8pm	FMG Meeting, Lower St John's Room
<b>Tue</b>	10am	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
<b>Wed</b>	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
<b>Thu</b>	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, St John's Church Hall
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Funeral (T/L Gabriella-Angel Kahlari), St John's Church</b>
<b>Sat</b>	2pm	Private Funeral Reception, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	Bible Group, Lower St John's Room
	5.30pm	Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Cornerstone Café, Grove
	10am	GroW Family 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Course, St John's Church Hall

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## DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April)

<b>Mon</b>	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	12.45pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	St John's Fete Planning Meeting, UPPER St John's Room
<b>Tue</b>	8pm	Parish Audit Workshop No:1, LOWER St John's Room
	9.30am	Make & Bake at Cornerstone, Grove
	10am	OTB Training in St John's Church Hall
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney</b>
<b>Wed</b>	10am	Tuesday Simply Singing Group, Lower St John's Room
	12 noon	Wedding Rehearsal at St James Church, W. Hanney
	2pm	U3A Main Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	Parish Audit Workshop No:2, Lower St John's Room
	6.30pm	Wantage Chess Club, St John's Rooms
	7pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
<b>Thu</b>	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 Meeting, Cornerstone Cafe, Grove
	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
<b>Fri</b>	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, St John's Church Hall
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow</b>
<b>Sat</b>	2pm	ASC Support Meeting at Grove Primary School
	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>Sun</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Friends on Friday (HC), St John's Church Hall</b>
<b>Sat</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Frances Gillott's house, Grove
	1pm	Wedding at St James Church, W. Hanney
	2pm	St John's Tea Paty at Cornerstone Cafe, Grove
<b>Sun</b>	10.45am	St James Church, W. Hanney - PCC AGM in church
	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.