

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 29th April)

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Science 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
	1.30pm	APCM & PCC Meeting, St James Church, Denchworth
	2pm	U3A Extra Main Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Wantage Chess Club, St John's Rooms
Wed	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St John's Church, Grove
	1.30pm	U3A New Members' Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Thu	6.30pm	Open Table Meeting, Cornerstone, Grove
	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
Fri	5.30pm	1 st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Sat	2pm	Friends on Friday Meeting, St John's Church Hall
Sun	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Frances Gillott's house, Grove
	10am	GroW: Family 1 st Aid Training, St John's Church Hall
	11am	Blessing & Thanksgiving Service, St James Church, W. Hanney
Sun	3pm	Women's Social Group, Lower St John's Room
	6.30pm	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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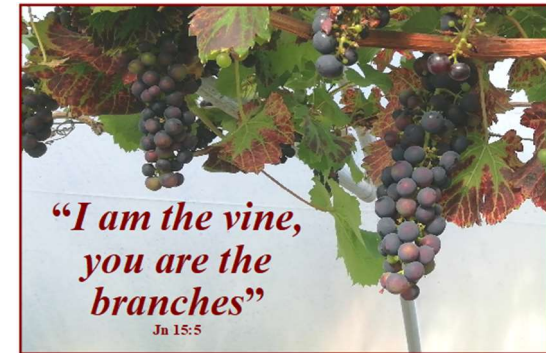
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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



28th April 2024
5th Sunday of Easter

Readings selected from: Psalm 22: 25-31; 1 John 4:7-21;
Acts 8:26-40; John 15:1-8

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." This is where it all starts: our relationship with Christ. No amount of plans or clever ideas will build the community of love that Jesus died to create, which includes the poor and the outsider, unless we remain linked to Him.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 28th April

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill
9am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth - Rev Robin Lapwood
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Charles Draper
10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove - Sue Powditch (LLM)
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Alec Gill
6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 5th May

8am Holy Communion, St Johns, 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, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas, East Challow – Rev Robin Lapwood
6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

GROVE (St John's Church) APCM on Saturday 11th May (7.30pm) in church hall.
GROVE (St John's Church) PCC is on Tuesday 14th May at Cornerstone, Grove.
CHALLOW (St Nicholas Church) APCM on Sunday 12th May (12 noon) in church.
DENCHWORTH (St James Church) APCM & PCC - 30th April (1.30pm) in church.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE at St Nicholas Church, E. Challow, on Thursday 9th May at 10am.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH Nomination Forms for election of "Church Wardens" & "PCC Members" are available on the Welcome Table in the church foyer. Please put your completed forms in the St John's Rooms post box (on the side of the building).

OPEN TABLE After Easter, Open Table continues on Wednesday 1st May at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome: food for the body and food for the spirit.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH FETE 2024 (29th June 2-4pm) as part of St John's Patronal Festival. Please save tins, jars & bottles of food, drink, toiletries for the tombola, nearly new toys, books, bric a brac & raffle prizes etc. Please grow plants for our plant stall & advise me if any of your family or friends can do face painting. Please let Nicky Gibbard know if you can help in any way. nicky.gibbard@valebenefice.org.uk thanks.

GROVE CHURCH FETE DONATIONS: Please do not leave donations items in the church foyer. We need to keep that area clear & tidy for funerals, weddings & other functions. Please leave donated items in the **St John's Rooms building** foyer (behind the line of chairs for Health & Safety reasons) Thank you.

SECURE CASH DONATIONS to St John's Church please put your **cash** donations in a labelled envelope in the secure post box of the St John's Rooms building OR in the secure donation slots (in the inside wall of the church itself. Please ask a churchwarden, sides person or the office if you need more information. Thank you.

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

Part-time paid cook vacancy: We are looking for a cook for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15am-2.30pm. Applications close soon, please register interest by the end of April to be considered. **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. **Cream Teas** are continuing to be served. Do come along and treat yourself, or someone else.

THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE for T/L GERALD BELCHER will be held at St John's Church, Grove on Friday 10th May at 2pm. There will be a reception in the church hall afterwards if you'd like to stay a while. **If you are able to help** Erika on the day by serving teas, coffees & juices straight after the service or can help with the hall set up & clear down for the reception please contact the Benefice Office on 01235 771479 / office@valebenefice.org.uk Thank you.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE for T/L JOHN HEDGES will be held at St John's Church, Grove on Tuesday 14th May at 10am. There will be a reception in the hall afterwards (while the family go to the **private** burial) & then they will return to join you in the hall. The reception will be from 11am – 1pm. **If you are able to help** with serving teas, coffees & juices during the reception or can help with the hall set up & clear down for the reception, please could you get in touch with the Benefice Office on 01235 771479 / office@valebenefice.org.uk Thank you.

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY GROUP meeting on 3rd May (2pm) in St John's Church Hall.

MARIPOSA TRUST "Saying Goodbye Service" Baby loss remembrance & support service. 18th May (1pm), in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for all your recent donations of clothes, food and Easter eggs. All very much appreciated. (Especially the eggs!). Currently we are short of clothes for 3-5yr old girls, any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you very much. Helen Margetts. Contacts: Tessa - Little People / Helen - Wantage and Grove Children's Clothes Bank. Email - w.g.clothesbank@gmail.com '

ART COMPETITION (for Grove & Wantage Extravaganza) Grove Parish Council will sponsor an Art competition at this event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day (6th June 1944), with prizes up to £500 in total. See posters in the St John's church hall for details. Entries to Grove Parish Council by 12 noon (Friday 31st May).

GroW EVENTS: To book an event email: 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 1st Aid Course: 4.5.2024. 10am in St John's Church Hall.

COMMUNITY: Urgently needed: 3-bedroom home for Ukrainian family in Wantage area, having to leave their Host Home. Mother & 2 teenagers. For more information please call [07593 812649](tel:07593812649).

ELMBROOK COURT (Oakwood Care) Friendship Cafe 29th April (2pm)

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

NEWSLETTER CONTENT: 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health & healing (short term): Sue Parnell, Wendy Rutterford and Lucille Vaughan

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

Friends & Family mourning: Gerald Belcher, John Hedges, John Hudson and Gabriella-Angel Kahlari

Those with their Banns of marriage readings in the Vale Benefice Churches

Those being "Blessed" in the Vale Benefice Churches

Those living in Letcombe Hill in East Challow; Brookside in East Hanney; North Green in West Hanney; Sharland Close, Evenlode Close and Shannon Close in Grove

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 145	Numbers 9.15-end	Luke 4.38-end
Tue	Psalm 19,147:1-12	Numbers 11.1-33	Luke 5.1-11
Wed	Psalm 139,146	Proverbs 4.10-18	James 1.1-12
Thu	Psalm 57,148	Numb 13.1-3,17-33	Luke 5.27-end
Fri	Psalm 138,149	Numbers 14.1-25	Luke 6.1-11
Sat	Psalm 146,150	Numbers 14.26-45	Luke 6.12-26