

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 50,149	Malachi 3.1-6	Luke 3.1-17
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 87,89.1-18	Judges 14	Luke 18.1-14
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 119.105-128	Judges 15.1-16.3	Luke 18.15-30
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 90,92	Judges 16.4-end	Luke 18.31-end
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 88	Judges 17	Luke 19.1-10
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 71,113	Isaiah 49.1-6	Acts 11.1-18

### DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June)*

**ST JAMES SCHOOL, HANNEY - PRAYER SPACE** (Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June).

<b>Mon</b>	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Science Group, Lower St John's Room
	10am	GroW: Focus Group, Upper St John's Room
	12.45pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	Grove CE School, Lower St John's Room
	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	GroW Parenting Course, Lower St John's Room
<b>Tue</b>	9.30am	Make & Bake at Cornerstone, Grove
	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
	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	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>2.30pm</b>	<b>Funeral: T/L Josephine Lambie, St James Church, Hanney</b>
	5.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
<b>Sat</b>	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Frances Gillott's house, Grove

**2 - 4pm - St John's Church SUMMER FETE**  
(Celebrating our Patronal Festival Weekend)

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

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**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

*Readings selected from:*

1 Samuel 17.32-49; Psalm 9.9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Taylor Swift, who's begun the UK leg of her Eras tour, is a mega superstar. Aged 34, she has over a billion fans world-wide, and no wonder! She's a brilliant songwriter and performer. Her equivalent in the Old Testament must be David, also good-looking and idolised by fans, mainly for his military exploits - but he was a great singer-songwriter too (today's psalm is by him). In her songs Taylor sings about the messiness of her relationships. David is also honest about life's ups and downs, but he's found the ultimate rock of knowing God. Let's pray that she and our neighbours do too.

### Our Shared Worship

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

- 8am Holy Communion, St John's, 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 - Sue Powditch (LLM)
- 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Alec Gill
- 6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

### Upcoming Services

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

#### St John the Baptist Patronal Festival

- 8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill
- 10.15am United Benefice Communion, St John's, Grove  
*with Rev Alec Gill, Sue Powditch (LLM) and Sarah Shackleton (LLM)*
- 6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

## BENEFICE NEWS

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### REMINDERS:

**FRIENDS ON FRIDAY (HC)** St John's Church Hall **THIS FRIDAY** 21<sup>st</sup> June (2pm)  
**BOARD GAMES** St John's Church Hall **THIS SUNDAY** 23.6.2024 (2pm – 5pm)

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**BENEFICE MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES:** There will be NO 10am Service at Hanny Church on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June and at Challow Church on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June & none in any of the Benefice Churches in August. Starting again at Grove Church on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**ST JAMES SCHOOL, HANNEY - PRAYER SPACE** Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**St Nicholas, East Challow: PCC MEETING (18.6.2024)** We welcomed our new PCC member, Gordon Handley, and our new PCC secretary, Linda Hopkins. The church calendar, through to the autumn, Christmas and beyond was discussed and some key dates agreed. The churchwardens provided an update on the agreed Benefice Profile and draft advert, following the recent section 12 meeting, and remarked particularly on the cooperation and warmth amongst the 8 parish representatives. We discussed the provision of non-Eucharist services and agreed to look at alternative formats to our Morning Worship. The charitable collection on 7<sup>th</sup> July will be for the 'Open Doors' charity. We had updates on finance and fabric, agreed to proceed with a parish pamphlet, and will procure new hymn books. The need for a new Safeguarding Officer was agreed.

**DENCHWORTH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7pm at Denchworth Village Hall

**ST JOHN'S SUMMER CLEAN Saturday 13th July**, 9.30am - 12.00pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the Entrance Hall & come & help for an hour. Jobs will include cleaning low level windows, kitchen cupboards & carpets in the church & hall. Tea, coffee & cake will be served! Thank you for your help.

**GROVE CHURCH VOLUNTEER Rosters** Please send the office any dates you know you will not be available in the next roster period, (September 2024 - end February 2025), **by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. Andrea will be preparing the next rosters this week. Many thanks & praise God for all our church volunteers.

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH FETE 2024 (NEXT SATURDAY) (29th June 2-4pm)** Please come and support as part of St John's Patronal Festival. Please, if you can, bake cakes for our cake stall & label with ingredients. **There is a map and fete flyers** in the church entrance hall. If you can deliver any to Grove homes, please cross off the roads that you can deliver to on the map. We particularly would like to deliver to the houses on the new estates. **If you can help set up on the day:** Please come from 9am on Saturday to help put up the marquee & gazebos and put up bunting. There will be drinks and biscuits available and if you want to bring a packed lunch, you can stay & we can eat together before the fete opens at 2pm. Please pray that it is a good day, that people will come from our community, and enjoy what we have to offer & our warm welcome. Many thanks for your help with this, Nicky [nicky.gibbard@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:nicky.gibbard@valebenefice.org.uk)

**GROVE CHURCH FETE DONATIONS:** We would be very grateful if anything that is leftover after the Fete can be taken away again by our congregation members or taken to the Charity Shop straight after the event or in the **early part** of the next week as we have events and groups meeting in the Church buildings every day and we need to keep all areas clear. Thank you so much for your help with this.

**MEALS for ESTHER & ANDREI ROGOBETE - ST JOHN'S** We are organising meals for Esther and Andrei Rogobete who are expecting a baby! Meals are welcome at their home on weekdays from 12th June, 6pm onwards, if you want to participate either sign up: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1smYC76NoXcMHQvs\\_zVTAs\\_EFH6oedD0t3miKYpsMY7s/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1smYC76NoXcMHQvs_zVTAs_EFH6oedD0t3miKYpsMY7s/edit) or contact Johanna on 07808504286. Many thanks.

**THANK YOU** to Sue Powditch. We are so thankful to Sue for all she has done in her Licensed Lay Minister role and in her many roles in St John's, and the Benefice, over the last 40 years. There is a retirement card in the entrance hall for you to sign and if you would like to donate towards a thank you gift, please can you give it to the office. (if the office is not open, please put it in the office letterbox). The last day for donations is **THIS SUNDAY** 23rd June. Many thanks. Rev Alec Gill and Grove Churchwardens.  
**THANK YOU:** St John's has received letters of thanks from both Cornerstone and W&G Street Pastors for the grants we have given them for this year.

**GROVE CHURCH Hall Roof Repairs** There is scaffolding up around the church and hall building (remaining there for 3 weeks) while the church hall roof is repaired. Groups can meet as they usually do in the hall but with the advice that there will be some noise. Please take extra care walking around the buildings during this time. Many thanks.

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

**Board Membership:** Sue Parnell has resigned from the Board & the PCC have appointed Celia Terrill as the third Trustee from St John's along with Miranda Hawkins & Matthew Morgan. Please pray for them and all the board members.

**Take Note:** We have a new promotion running until the end of July. There is a leaflet showing all the offers on the noticeboard in St John's church foyer or come and browse the shelves. **Children's books:** This section has been updated and we have a number of books with 10% discount. **Hot meal special:** This will be served on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** at 12.30pm. Please book in advance so we know how many to cater for.

**Foodbank and Children's clothes bank:** Remember we are a collection point for both.

**WANTAGE & GROVE STREET PASTORS AGM** Tuesday 22.7.2024, Cornerstone

**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

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

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR....

**Health & healing (short term):** Alan R, Mary L, Wendy R, and Lucille V

**Health & healing (long term):** Katherine S, Gemma G, Bob B, John B, Ari P, Laura C, Ursula G & Richard H

**Friends & Family mourning:** Josephine (Josie) Lambie, Anne Venners & Heather Hughes

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

**Those being "Blessed" & "Baptised"** in the Vale Benefice Churches

**Our Benefice Churches' Parish Reps**

**Those living in** Rose Terrace in Denchworth, The Causeway and Hall Lane in East Hanney; Old Mill Close, Grovelands Court and North Drive in Grove