

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 34,150	Daniel 12.1-4	Acts 12.1-11
Tue	Psalm 87,89.1-18	2 Kings 6.1-23	Acts 26.24-end
Wed	Psalm 119.105-128	2 Kings 9.1-16	Acts 27.1-26
Thu	Psalm 90,92	2 Kings 9.17-end	Acts 27.27-end
Fri	Psalm 88	2 Kings 12.1-19	Acts 28.1-16
Sat	Psalm 96,97,100	2 Kings 17.1-23	Acts 28.17-end

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 30th September)

Installation work is being carried out all week in the St John's Church

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	7pm	Vale Benefice Churches Shortlisting, LOWER St John's Room
	10am	Simply Singing Group, LOWER St John's Room
	2pm	U3A Main Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Wantage Chess Club, ALL 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 Holy Communion Service, LOWER St John's Room
	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Thu	7pm	Jungle Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, LOWER St John's Room
	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness Exercise Class, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-Week Holy Communion Service, St Nicholas, E. Challow
Fri	11am	U3A Leaders Meeting, LOWER St John's Room
	5.30pm	1 st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	Friends on Friday Group Social, St John's Church Hall
Sat	6pm	U3A Evening Reception, LOWER St John's Room
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Frances Gillott's house, Grove
	9am	1 st Grove Rainbows, St John's Church Hall
Sun	11.30am	Blessing Service at St Nicholas Church, E. Challow
	3pm	Women's Social Group, LOWER St John's Room
	7pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall, Grove

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

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29th September 2024

18th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from:

Psalm 19:7-14; Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

The Feast of Michael and All Angels is on Monday (Michaelmas).

It's also the day for short-listing potential vicars to invite for interview.

A prayer: "God, our Shepherd and Guardian, Call, we pray, to your church in this Benefice a Vicar after your own heart, one who has vision, wisdom and love for all people. Prepare them for ministry among us and make us ready to welcome them with affection, joy and prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 29th September

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill

No 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney

(Pease join the village for the Michaelmas Fayre starting at 2pm)

10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth - Rev Geoff Maughan

10.15am Holy Communion (with Baptism), St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill

11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Geoff Maughan

No 6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 6th October

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill

9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Charles Draper

No 10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth

10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill

11am **Morning Worship**, St Nicholas', East Challow - Jeff Penfold

No 6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

REMINDERS:

BIBLE GROUP MEETING TODAY, Thursday 26th September (2pm) St John's Rooms
HANNEY MICHAELMAS FAYRE The Fayre will be **THIS SUNDAY 29 September** starting at 2pm - come and relax, enjoy a WI Tea, listen to Wantage Silver Band, and enjoy pottering around the range of stalls and activities.
No 9.30am Eucharist Service in church on this date.

RIDE AND STRIDE (VALE BENEFICE CHURCHES) 14.9.2024

Please do support the Benefice Churches' Ride & Stride: you can still sponsor, contact your church's key contact or visit.

<https://app.goodhub.com/ohct-steve-lorna-ride-stride-2024>

VALE BENEFICE VACANCY For information, please contact your churches' Benefice Representatives. Thank you.

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY For our next meeting on 4th October at 2.00pm in the Church Hall, we will celebrate Harvest with apple pies and cream, Harvest hymns (and poems if you have any), and a demonstration of a simple Harvest arrangement by Carol Doughty. Afterwards, you may wish to make one yourself. ALL ARE WELCOME. DO COME AND JOIN US. Peter and Angela Rich (411315)

"WANTAGE & GROVE CHILDREN'S CLOTHES BANK" & "LITTLE PEOPLE" are in need of King Alfred's Academy school uniform for girls (12-13years) and Stockham Primary School uniform for boy (11-12 years). Also needing boys home clothes (7-8 yrs) and Cow & Gate 2 Follow on milk, Thank you for your kind help. Helen Margetts/Tessa Heron. email w.g.clothesbank@gmail.com

LITTLE PEOPLE are collecting NEW Toys, vouchers and donations to buy Christmas presents for children and teenagers of families in need in our local area again this year. Please bring any brand-new toys, vouchers or donations to the Benefice Office or directly to Tessa Heron by early December this year (so that she has time to buy gifts in advance & wrap & deliver them with plenty of time this year). Thank you all very much.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH "HARVEST FESTIVAL" Weekend (26th & 27th October). Contemplation in church & "Messy Church" Style activities in the hall on Saturday and Harvest Service & Lunch in the church & hall on the Sunday. More information to come.

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.

PRAYERS SECTIONS in the newsletter. Please note that people who are listed on the **Health & healing (short term)** section will remain on there for 4 weeks, after which they will be moved to the **Health & healing (long term)** section, unless you email the newsletter editor on news@valebenefice.org.uk and advise them to remove from all sections or advise them to put that person on the **"Short term"** prayers list again for another 2 weeks at a time. This will start next week. Thank you.

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

SHOE BOXES APPEAL 2024 - Advanced request; please save shoe boxes (not large or boot boxes) for this year's 'Shoe boxes appeal'. We are trying out the 'Link to Hope, shoe box appeal,' a Christian charity serving Ukraine, Moldova, Romania & Bulgaria; (they don't provide the shoe boxes). Posters in St. Johns Church Grove give more details or visit the web site. <https://linktohope.co.uk>. Jane Syme & John Stamp.

CORNERSTONE NEWS Email: office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk Tel: 772280
The Cornerstone is a Christian Bookshop and Café, in Saville Way near the Co Op, serving the community run by the four churches in Grove, including St John's Church.

Volunteering: We are always keen to welcome new volunteers to contribute to the mission of the Cornerstone. We need help with taking orders, serving food, washing up and being on the till. This can be for 1 or 2 hours a month, or more often if you would like, on any day from Monday through to Saturday. We have young people volunteering as part of their D of E. If you would like to know more, please speak with one of the trustees from St John's; Mirand Hawkins, Celia Terrill or Matt Morgan, or contact the Cornerstone directly (details below). **Pay it Forward: Marble Jar:** Over the summer we have been using the marble jar fund to pay for free meals for many families whose children are entitled to free school meals. Buy one marble for £1.50 and pop it in the jar.

Monthly prayer breakfasts: 2nd Saturday of the month. The next one is on Saturday 9th October at 8.30am. Join us for croissants, tea, coffee, prayer & fellowship.

Make and Bake for Under 5s: Starting again on Tuesday 1st October (9.30-11am). £2 per child includes activities & drink. No need to book, just come along.

Second-hand books: from 50p upwards (all profits go to Cornerstone).

New Books: promotions running **until end of September** including brand new Bible commentaries. Come & browse the shelves or pick up a Take Note leaflet for more info.

SUPPORTING KING ALFRED'S REFLECTION SPACE, WEST SITE

If you've been involved in Prayer Space, the Reflection Space at King Alfred's West Site is similar. Students can choose to come at lunchtime & engage in some reflective, thought-provoking activities. All the activities are based on Christian principles & encourage students to pray but are open to all faiths and none. They are invitational rather than requiring particular responses. If you can help in any way through any of the following, please contact the school. You could help through prayer, volunteering to help regularly during lunchtimes, volunteering to help plan & prepare activities. More information on the poster in the Grove church hall. Many thanks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Health & healing (short term): Ray C.

Health & healing (long term): Susanne C, Mary L, Wendy R, Katherine S, Gemma G, Bob B, John B, Ari P, Laura C, Ursula G, Richard H and Richard W.

Friends & Family mourning: Richard Cottrell, Jean Filkin, Corina Blake, Zilah Grant, George Cox and David Franklin.

Our Benefice Churches' Parish Reps

Those having their Banns of Marriage read, or **are getting married** in our Benefice Churches

Those living in: Mill Orchard in East Hanney; Albermarle Drive, Woodhill Drive and Ashdown Way in Grove; Hyde Road in Denchworth; Reynolds Way in East Challow