

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 28th October) Half Term

Mon		No Groups
Tue	10am	Simply Singing Group, LOWER St John's Room Tech Workshop, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	U3A Tech Workshop, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Wantage Chess Club, ALL St John's Rooms
	5.45pm	NCT Group Meeting, St John's Church Hall
Wed	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Jungle Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, LOWER St John's Room
Thu	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness Exercise Class, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Fri	2pm	Friends on Friday Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Wedding Rehearsal at St James Church, W.Hanney
Sat	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Frances Gillott's house, Grove
	4pm	Wedding at St James Church, W.Hanney
Sun	3pm	Women's Social Group, LOWER St John's Room

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

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The Benefice Office will be closed on Tuesday 29th October and Friday 1st November

VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER

27TH OCTOBER 2024

Last Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from:

Psalms 126; Jeremiah 31.7-9; Hebrews 7.23-28; Mark 10.46-52

Our readings are full of such good news and hope. "Those who go out weeping... shall come home with shouts of joy." "With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back" "He is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." "Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'... Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way." We have good news to share. His name is Jesus.

Our Shared Worship

8am Morning Prayer, St John's, Grove – Sarah Shackleton (LLM)
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Geoff Maughan
10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Robin Lapwood
10.15am Harvest Morning Worship, St John's, Grove
with Sarah Shackleton (LLM) & Stewart Scott
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Robin Lapwood

Upcoming Services

Sunday 3rd November

8am Morning Prayer, St John's, Grove – Terry Mawdesley
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Charles Draper
10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Robin Lapwood
10.15am Morning Worship (with Toy/Voucher donations to Little People), St John's, Grove
with James Mabbett & Michael Wenham
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow

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BENEFICE NEWS

REMINDERS

THIS Saturday 26th October ST JOHN'S CHURCH "HARVEST MESSY CHURCH"

2pm-3pm: "Green Reflections in the church"

3pm-4pm: "Messy Harvest in the Church Hall"

ST JOHN'S CHURCH HARVEST LUNCH THIS Sunday 27th October

REMEMBER Clocks go back this Sunday 27th October

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

GROVE EVENING SERVICES There are **no** 6pm services at St John's Church, Grove until further notice.

RIDE AND STRIDE Thank you to those who supported us. £250 was raised. Peter and Angela

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY All are welcome to join us on Friday 1st November when Sue Powditch will be helping us make Christmas cards. Peter and Angela

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST the next breakfast will be on Saturday 2nd November at Stanford in the Vale Village Hall (Large Hall), 8.30am for 8.45am start, with a talk by Julie Slade on "Anna Chaplaincy". Places are limited, so please do book in advance and by 27th October. They will be offering a "Continental style" breakfast but if you have any special dietary restrictions, please do let the team know when you book so they can provide for you. To book email womensbreakfast@stdenys.org

LITTLE PEOPLE are collecting NEW Toys, vouchers and donations to buy Christmas presents for children & teenagers of families in need in our local area again this year. Please bring any brand-new toys, vouchers or donations to the **10.15am Morning Worship Service** at St John's Church on **Sunday 3rd November**, OR 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). Thank you very much.

SHOE BOXES APPEAL 2024 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, but there are plenty in the St John's Church foyer for you to use). Posters in St. Johns Church Grove give more details or visit the web site.

<https://linktohope.co.uk>. Jane Syme & John Stamp. Filled boxes to be at St John's Church **by 8th November** please. Thank you.

GROVE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS FAIR 14th December. Save the date!

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

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. Thank you.

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

Pay it Forward: Marble Jar: Our marble jar fund helps pay for free meals for many families whose children are entitled to free school meals. If you can help, buy a marble for £1.50 and pop it in the jar. Monthly prayer breakfasts: 2nd Saturday of the month. The next one: Saturday 9th November at 8.30am. Do join us for food, prayer & fellowship. **Take Note promotion:** running in November. Come & see.

Make and Bake for Under 5s: Every Tuesday (in term time) from 9.30-11am. £2 per child includes activities & drink. No need to book, just come along.

Cornerstone Christmas Lunches: Dates (4th, 6th, 10th, 12th & 16th December) are now available to book. Please contact Cornerstone for details and to book.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 116,117	Isaiah 45.18-end	Luke 6.12-16
Tue	Psalm 32,36	Leviticus 23.1-22	2 Timothy 4.9-end
Wed	Psalm 34	Leviticus 23.23-end	Titus 1
Thu	Psalm 37	Leviticus 24.1-9	Titus 2
Fri	Psalm 31	Leviticus 25.1-25	Titus 3
Sat	Psalm 41,42,43	Numbers 6.1-5,21-end	Philemon

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: Jean Orme, Richard Cottrell, Greta Beckett, Barbara Izzard, Jean Russell, Nicholas Jensen, Nora & Benjamin Johnson, Jean Filkin, Corina Blake, Zilah Grant, George Cox and David Franklin.

Those getting married in the Benefice Churches.

Those living in: The Paddocks in East Hanney; The Meads in West Hanney; Cornhill Lane in East Challow and Bridge Farm Close, Westbrook & Westfield Mobile Home Park in Grove.