

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER:

Mon	Psalms 27,30	Job 13	Romans 7.1-6
Tue (John the Baptist)	Psalms 50,149	Malachi 3.1-6	Luke 3.1-17
Wed	Psalms 34	Job 15	Romans 8.1-11
Thu	Psalms 37	Job 16.1-17.2	Romans 8.12-17
Fri	Psalms 31	Job 17.3-end	Romans 8.18-30
Sat	Psalms 41,42,43	Job 18	Romans 8.31-end

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 23rd June)*

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	1pm	GroW: Baby Massage Group, LOWER St John's Room
	7pm	1st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	Churchwardens Visitation Service, St Mary's, Banbury
Tue	10am	Simply Singing Group, LOWER St John's Room
	9.30am	Hanney School Prayer Space
	7pm	2nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Wed	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	2pm-4pm	Badminton on Wednesdays (BoW), St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Jungle Fitness Group, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, St John's LOWER room
Thu	9.30am	White Horse Extend 50's+ Exercise, St John's Church Hall
	9.30am	Hanney School Prayer Space
	10am	Mid-week HC Service, St Nicholas' Church, East Challow
	5.30pm	1st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Sat	8.30am	Morning Prayers at Frances Gillott's House, Grove
	9.30am	Hanney School Prayer Space
Sun	6.30pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall

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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER

22nd June 2025

1st Sunday after Trinity (Grove Patronal Festival)

Readings selected from:

Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28; Galatians 3.23-end; Luke 8.26-39

There's one reading shared by this Sunday and John the Baptist's day. It's from Galatians. "...In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for **all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**"

This is the news our fatally divided world needs to hear and be plunged into.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 22nd June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30am **No Service**, St James', Hanney

10am **No Service**, St James', Denchworth

10.15am **Patronal Festival Communion**, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill

11am **No Service**, St Nicholas', East Challow

Upcoming Services

Sunday 29th June - Peter and Paul Apostles

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Rev Geoff Maughan

10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill

10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Colin Moulds

11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Rev Alec Gill

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BENEFICE NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF REV DR MIRIAM JONES TO THE POST OF ASSOCIATE

VICAR IN THE VALE BENEFICE, Miriam's licensing service will take place Thursday 4th September (7.30pm) at St James the Great, West Hanney, OX12 0LP and we very much hope you are able to attend.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH FETE Saturday 21st June 2-4pm

Please do come along and bring friends and family to our church summer fete THIS Saturday. With activities for all ages, Tombola, Raffle, cake stall, children's prize every time stall, crazy golf, games, gifts stall, refreshments and more! A HUGE thank you to all those who helped in any way, before, during and after the fete and those who have donated items or come along to support the event. It is very much appreciated.

PAT BATES: After her accident and time in the JR Trauma Unit, Pat Bates has been moved to the Close Care Home, Burcot. Visits welcomed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please continue to pray for her health & healing. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - Thank you to all who were able to give to the Christian Aid Week appeal at St John's. £618 was raised.

ST JOHNS SUMMER CLEAN & OUTSIDE WORK PARTY (if dry!) - SATURDAY 12th JULY, 9.30am - 12.00pm. Please sign up on the poster in the Church foyer if you can help for an hour or so with either cleaning jobs in the Church & Rooms or painting external woodwork or tidying in the grounds. Cleaning jobs include kitchen cupboards, fridges, low level windows & carpets. Outside jobs include painting gardeners' shed & Rooms cladding & tidying around the grounds. Thanks in advance!

AUNT SALLY Inter Benefice Challenge in aid of St James Church, Denchworth. Thursday 10th July (6.30pm) at The Fox, Denchworth. Admission by ticket only (£15). Tickets include a BBQ Supper and are available from Maggie Vaughan maggievaughan35@gmail.com / 01235 868843.

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY "Strawberry Tea" will be held on 4th July.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP Last Bible Study in Meeting Room will be 3rd July, then on 17th July there will be a Social Afternoon at 8 Broadmarsh Close, Grove.

PATRONAL EVENSONG: at St. James, Denchworth: 20th July (6pm). We will have our own sung evensong. We will sing the Ferial Responses as a simple chant, the Magnificate & Nunc dimittis are from the New English Hymnal (Tone II.i). The psalm sung as a hymn. It would be lovely if those who are musically inclined, with sung evensong experience, could help us out. We are practising before the service 5.20pm to run through the music and responses. There will be refreshments after the service. Please let Maggie Vaughan or Alec Gill know if you can help. Thank you.

25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Alec and Gemma Gill invite you to join them after the 10.15am service at St John's Church on 6th July, to mark their 25th wedding anniversary with cake!

ASC SUPPORT COFFEE AFTERNOONS AT GROVE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPECIAL GUEST: Usma Farman will attend our next coffee afternoon on Monday the 30th June from 1:30pm onwards. Usma is a Community Coordinator from the Oxfordshire Parent Carers Form and is eager to hear about your lived experience of living with SEN and to carry your thoughts and ideas to the Local Area Partnership.

WANTAGE ORCHESTRA at Wantage Parish Church, OX12 8AQ on Saturday 5th July 2025 (7pm). Guest Leader: John Hounam & Conductor: Christopher Fletcher-Campbell. **Much Loved Music for a Summer's Evening:** Marquez Danzón no 2, Khachaturian Adagio from Spartacus, Tchaikovsky Swan Lake, Grieg Hall of the Mountain King, Britten Soirées Musicales and John Williams Star Wars Suite. Free cake & hot drinks! Tickets in advance: Adults £10.00, Seniors/students: £8.00, Only £5 if bringing a schoolchild! (Schoolchildren free). **Tickets from:** Wantage Bookshop and Regent Bookshop in Wantage.

USED STAMPS FOR DENCHWORTH CHURCH Please pass these on to Suzanne Cox at Denchworth or the Benefice Office, Grove. Raising funds for the church.

BENEFICE Baptism & Confirmation Service - This will be held at St John's Church, Grove, on Sunday 19th October 2025 during the 10.15am service. Please let Rev Alec Gill know as soon as possible if you are interested in being confirmed at this service this year, so that the preparation course can be planned and booked. Thanks.

WEST HENDRED Summer Event: In aid of Holy Trinity Church. Saturday 12th July (12-30 to 3:30pm) at Manor Farm House, opposite the Village Hall. Lots of stalls and fun for kids. Cake stall, raffle, tombola, Hot-dog stall and drinks bar.

JOIN GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE! (formerly The Gideons, who seek to place Bibles in schools, care homes, prisons and hotels) at 10am on Thursday, 26th June at Didcot Community Church Hall to learn about their mission to share God's Word. The South Oxfordshire branch seeks support—come and see how you, or we, can get involved! For details or to confirm attendance, contact Andrew Snell at andisgreen@btinternet.com or 07903 768580

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing: Sylvia C, Pat B, Emmeline (Pat B's granddaughter), Fr.Robert T, Khin WM, Rob S, Peter Ch, Susanne C, Wendy R, Katherine S, Laura C, Ursula G and Richard H

Friends & families mourning: Joan Rutterford, Rosemary New, Barry Dillon, Jean Orme and Roderick Venners

Those living in: Windmill Nursery (East Challow); Summertown (East Hanney); Easterfield, Kents Row, St John's Court, Westfield Close (Grove)

Those being ordained on the weekend 28th/29th including Rev Frances Caroe, curate at Wantage Parish Church.