

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 7th July)*

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	12.45pm	GroW Babies, St John's Church Hall
	1pm	GroW Baby Massage Course, LOWER St John's Room
	7pm	1st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Tue	10am	Simply Singing Group, LOWER St John's Room
	2pm	U3A Main Meetings, St John's Church Hall
	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
	10am	Mid-week HC Service, St Nicholas' Church, East Challow
	5.30pm	1st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Benefice "Aunt Sally Event" at The Fox, Denchworth
	8pm	Planning Meeting (48hrs of Prayer), St John's Church
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Fri	11am	Funeral: T/L Roderick Venners, S. Oxfordshire Crematorium
	2pm	U3A Yarn Group, LOWER St John's Room
	7.30pm	Banns Meeting with Rev Alec Gill, LOWER St John's Room
Sat	8.30am	Cornerstone Breakfast, Cornerstone, Grove
	10am	St John's Church Buildings CLEAN (Volunteers needed)
	2pm	St John's Tea Party at Cornerstone, Grove
Sun	6.30pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall



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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER

6th July 2025
 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from:

Isaiah 66.10-14; Psalm 66.1-8; Galatians 6.1-16; Luke 10.1-11,16-20

We're midway between the two big music festivals, Glastonbury and the Proms. One Glastonbury group which didn't make national news was The Ezra Collection, the vibrant London Jazz Quintet. They ended with a crowd of youngsters on stage and Amanda from the Jubilee Youth Club singing "God gave me feet for dancing." "People outside in search of something real... Time ain't waiting... Take the hands of the ones that you love And when the high life comes, Together, we'll dance as one." When we pray, Thy kingdom come, isn't that what we're praying for? Meantime let us love our neighbours.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 6th July – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Rev Charles Draper
10am Morning Worship, St James', Denchworth – NO SERVICE
 10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
 11am Morning Worship, St Nicholas', East Challow – Nick & Clare Page

Upcoming Services

13th July - 4th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove
 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Rev Velma Oxley
 10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Rev Preb Jane Haslam
 10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove - Sarah Shackleton
 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Rev Preb Jane Haslam

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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 on Thursday 4th September (7.30pm) at St James the Great, West Hanney, OX12 0LP and we very much hope you are able to attend.

25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ALEC AND GEMMA GILL invite you to join them after the 10.15 service at St John's on **Sunday 6th July**, to mark their 25th wedding anniversary with cake!

48 HOURS OF PRAYER In September, churches together in Wantage and Grove (and anyone else in the Benefice who'd like to join) are organising 48 hours of prayer. It'll be from the 5th-7th September. If you would like to be involved, we'd love your help. We have a planning meeting on the 10th of July at 8pm in St John's church, please come along. Ask Rachel for more details if you'd like to know more Rachel.Hutchin@valebenefice.org.uk

ST JOHN'S 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.

VOLUNTEER ROSTAS ABSENCES: A huge thank you to all those on the St John's Church Volunteer Rostas. The new ones for September 2025 – February 2026 (inclusive) will be created in July, so please send in the dates that you currently know you will not be available to the Benefice Office by Monday 14th July to give time to create & send them out before August. Thank you.

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.

WEST HENDRED SUMMER EVENT – Saturday 12 July 2025, West Hendred Playing Field from 3:30pm to 6:00pm! Enjoy live jazz, tea and cake, Pimms and prosecco, tombola, children's activities, traditional games, and much more. All proceeds support St. Augustine's Church and West Hendred Village Hall.

LOST PROPERTY at St John's Church buildings: From Monday 7th July to Monday 14th July, all lost property will be left on the Welcome Table in the St John's Church Foyer. We have items from; gloves to umbrellas to hearing aids and glasses – all sorts! Please check it and take what is yours. After this date most items will be sent to the Charity Shop. Many thanks.

CORNERSTONE As we celebrate 30 years of Cornerstone this year, look out for special events we will be holding. **Sunday 16th November** we are holding a Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church, Grove at 3pm. We are hoping to make this a joyful celebration of all 30 years, so if you have any pictures or special memories to share of Cornerstone, do get in touch. **Monthly hot meal special:** Being served on Wednesday 30th July at 12.30pm – please book in advance so that we know how many to cater for. **Prayer breakfasts:** Our monthly prayer breakfasts continue on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The next one is on **Saturday 12th July** at 8.30am. I look forward to you joining us for croissants, tea, coffee, prayer and fellowship.

GROVE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP SHOP 16th–18th July. Clear out your cupboards & help others! Uniform Swap Shop in school hall on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, & Thursday 18th July. Please donate any clean, outgrown or unused school uniform items (white tops, grey/black trousers, shorts, skirts, tunics, red jumpers/cardigans) **by Monday 14th July**.

GROVE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL Lunchtime supervisor: We are still looking to recruit a lunchtime supervisor to start in September. Please pick up an application pack from the school office if you are interested in this role. **Parent Governor:** We are still looking to recruit a Parent Governor to join our Local Governing Body. Please ask the school office for an application pack if you are interested.

BENEFICE Baptism & Confirmation Service 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. Many thanks.

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, Barry Dillon and Roderick Venners.

Those living in: Woodhill Lane (East Challow); The Mulberries (East Hanney); Elswith Close, Hunters Close, West Brook, Newlands Drive (Grove); St James' School (Hanney)

Those involved in choosing the next Archbishop of Canterbury: for spiritual wisdom and concord.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER:

Mon	Psalm 71	Job 27	Romans 11.25-end
Tue	Psalm 73	Job 28	Romans 12.1-8
Wed	Psalm 77	Job 29	Romans 12.9-end
Thu	Psalm 78.1-39	Job 30	Romans 13.1-7
Fri	Psalms 55	Job 31	Romans 13.8-end
Sat	Psalms 76,79	Job 32	Romans 14.1-12