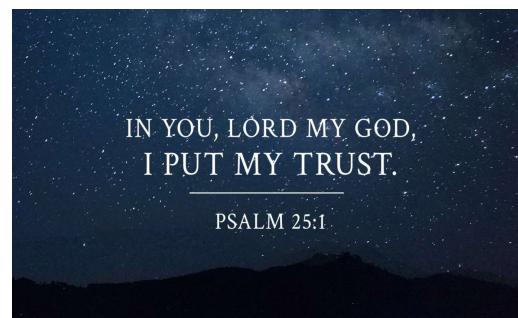


## DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 14th July)*

<b>Mon</b>	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Genealogy Group, St John's Rooms
	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
<b>Tue</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Grove CE Primary School Leaver's Service, St John's Church</b>
	10am	Simply Singing Group, LOWER St John's Room
	12-4pm	U3A Main Meetings, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	2nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
<b>Wed</b>	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	<b>10am</b>	<b>St James School Leaver's Service, St James Church, Hanney</b>
	2-4pm	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
<b>Thu</b>	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, 50's+ Exercise, St John's Church Hall
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Nicholas School Leaver's Service, St Nicholas Church, Challow</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mid-week HC Service, St Nicholas' Church, East Challow</b>
	2pm	Bible Study Group Social. (Contact Angela Rich for venue)
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Grove Church Standing Committee Meeting online Teams
<b>Fri</b>	2pm	Friends on Friday (Holy Communion), St John's Church Hall
	6pm	Grove CE School Disco, St John's Church Hall
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Marriage Blessing at St James Church, West Hanney</b>
<b>Sat</b>	10-2pm	Private booking, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	St John's Tea Party at Cornerstone Café, Savile Way, Grove
	4pm	Crown Singers rehearsal & Concert, St John's Church



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# VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER

13th July 2025  
 4th Sunday after Trinity

*Readings selected from:*

Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Psalm 25.1-10; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

"The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."  
 Our readings concern God transforming our hearts so that we want to love Him and our neighbours as Jesus, like the good Samaritan, loves us in our brokenness.  
 A prayer: "Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove, teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love. Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live His way; we need Your power, we need Your strength, following Christ each day."

## Our Shared Worship

### Sunday 13th July

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 (LLM)  
 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Rev Preb Jane Haslam

### Upcoming Services

#### Sunday 20th July

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill  
 9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Rev  
 10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill  
 11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Jeff Penfold / Nick and Clare Page  
 6pm Patronal Evensong, St James', Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill

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## BENEFICE NEWS

**REMINDER: 48 HOURS OF PRAYER PLANNING MEETING** This week; Thursday **10th July (8pm)** in **St John's church** (If you would like to be involved). Churches together in Wantage & Grove are planning 48 hours of prayer from the 5th-7th September. For more details contact Rachel [Rachel.Hutchin@valebenefice.org.uk](mailto:Rachel.Hutchin@valebenefice.org.uk)

**ST JOHN'S SUMMER CLEAN & OUTSIDE WORK PARTY** (if dry!) – **THIS 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.

**THE VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER** There will be no newsletter from 3rd August to 24th August (inclusive). It will resume on Sunday 31st August in time for the start of the new school term. Please send anything you want advertised through before Tuesday 22nd July (if you want it in the last newsletter before the summer break).

**VOLUNTEER ROTAS ABSENCES:** A huge thank you to all those on the St John's Church Volunteer Rotas. 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. Practising before the service 5.20pm to run through the music and responses. There will be refreshments after the service. All Welcome.

**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.

Please note: **ST JOHN'S TEA PARTY** at Cornerstone is on Saturday 19th from 2pm to 3pm (not as in last week's diary). Apologies. **Everybody is welcome!**

**LOST PROPERTY at St John's Church buildings:** Please check the Welcome Table in the church foyer **THIS SUNDAY 13th July**, for any items that may be yours. Thanks.

**WEST HENDRED SUMMER EVENT – THIS 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.

**BENEFICE WELCOME HAMPER for Miriam and family:** We would like to provide Miriam and her family with a Food hamper on their arrival at the Grove Vicarage in August, from the Vale Benefice Churches. If you would like to give a monetary donation for this, it would be very welcome and would allow for our co-ordinator to buy items nearer the time and according to the family's dietary requirements. There will be a labelled wooden donation box for this in the St John's Church foyer until **Sunday 3rd August**. Any donations from Hanney, Challow or Denchworth churches

can be collected and brought to the Benefice Office by **Friday 1st August**. Many thanks to all. Jenny Moulds.

**NO MID-WEEK Communion Services** at the Vale Benefice Churches from 31st July to 2nd September 2025.

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

### 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.

**UNIFORM SWAP SHOP** 16th–18th July Clear out your cupboards and help others! Grove CE Primary School is hosting a Uniform Swap Shop in the school hall on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, and 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.

**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 Caravan Park (East Challow); The Stables (East Hanney); Evenlode Close, Mallard Way, Old Mans Lane, Sycamore Walk (Grove); Springdale (West Hanney)

**General Synod:** meeting this weekend – for harmony and good decisions

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER:

<b>Mon</b>	Psalms 80,82	Job 33	Romans 14.13-end
<b>Tue</b>	Psalms 87,89.1-19	Job 38	Romans 15.1-13
<b>Wed</b>	Psalms 119.105-128	Job 39	Romans 15.14-21
<b>Thu</b>	Psalms 90,92	Job 40	Romans 15.22-end
<b>Fri</b>	Psalms 88,95	Job 41	Romans 16.1-16
<b>Sat</b>	Psalms 96,97,100	Job 42	Romans 16.17-end