

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Mon 29th September)*

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	12.45pm	GroW Babies, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	1st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Tue	9.15am	Grove CE School Harvest/Bible Service, St John's Church
	10am	Simply Singing Group, LOWER St John's Room
	6.30pm	Wantage Chess Club, ALL St John's Rooms
	7pm	2nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Grove Standing Committee Meeting, St John's SMALL Room
Wed	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-week HC Service, St John's Church, Grove
	2pm	Badminton on Wednesday (BoW), St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Jungle Fitness Group, St John's Church Hall
Thu	9.30am	White Horse Extend 50's+ Exercise, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-week HC Service, St Nicholas' Church, East Challow
	2pm	Funeral of T/L Marie Betteridge, St Nicholas Church, Challow
	2pm	Bible Study Group, LOWER St John's Rooms, Grove
	5.30pm	1st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	ONLINE Nicene Creed Study Group
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Fri	2pm	Funeral of T/L Gina Bunting, St James Church, W. Hanney
	2pm	Friends on Friday Group, St John's Church Hall
	6pm	U3A Volunteers' Reception, LOWER St John's Room
Sat	8.30am	Prayers at Frances Gillott's house, Grove
	10am	Private Booking, St John's Church Hall
Sun	6.30pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall

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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER

28th September 2025

15th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from:

Amos 6.1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31

Michaelmas and Harvest Our readings are uncomfortably near to home. Where do we see ourselves in Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus who "lay at his gate"? Or we might say, before his eyes on TV. Our God "executes justice for the oppressed; he gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind." Mustn't we be similarly generous?

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 28th September

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

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

10am Morning Service with **Baptism**, St James', Denchworth
with Rev Alec Gill & Rev Miriam Jones

10.15am Harvest Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Sarah Shackleton (LLM)

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

Upcoming Services

Sunday 5th October

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Miriam Jones

9.30am Parish Eucharist with **Baptism**, St James', Hanney – Rev Alec Gill




10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Rev Peter Rich

10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Miriam Jones

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

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BENEFICE NEWS
Due to ongoing building work, all information on St James Church Services, Hanney, is provisional. Services may be changed/cancelled at short notice. See local notices.
NO BENEFICE NEWSLETTER on 2nd November 2025 (Staff holiday)
ST JOHN'S CHURCH HARVEST - MESSY CHURCH EVENT THIS Saturday 27th September (2.30pm - 4.30pm). All Welcome. Fun for all the family. Please do come along and bring friends and family for a fun for all ages afternoon.
HARVEST LUNCH (St John's Church Hall) THIS Sunday (28 th September) after the 10.15am service/refreshments. Fellowship, fun & great food (with vegetarian & gluten free option). No charge for lunch, but donations to cover food costs & for Foodbank are welcome. There is a donation box in the church hall & Foodbank food collection box in the church foyer. Signing up for lunch is helpful for catering but not essential. You can sign up online before 12 noon on Friday using this Link: - https://forms.gle/Hxr4jpJK8iSVVFQh8
HANNEY MICHAELMAS FAYRE THIS SATURDAY , 27 th Sept, (2pm – 4.15pm). Do come along and enjoy all that is on offer, All Welcome.
ONLINE NICENE CREED STUDY GROUP (Benefice). Currently meeting weekly online (TEAMS) (8pm–9pm) till 16th October. See below for login details Meeting ID: 321 459 007 039 7 and Passcode: Wm9xp6yy
GENEROSITY WEEK AND GIFT DAY AT ST JOHN'S (28 th Sept – 5 th Oct). During our Generosity Week we ask you to prayerfully consider God's generosity to us and our giving to the church. There is currently information on the church's financial position being given out at our morning services together with details of how to give. If you are a member of St John's and not already giving regularly then we would ask you to consider whether this would be possible. GIFT DAY - On 5 th October there will be an opportunity to make a one-off gift as a thanks to God's generosity to us. More information is on the flyers at the back of the church and on the finance noticeboard in the hall.
SUNDAY 12th October – Card Making for the over 18's (2pm – 4.30pm) . If you would like come to Sue & Emma's card making session, please sign up on the form in the Entrance Hall or email Sue at suepowditch@gmail.com or text her on 07833 503674. Sue & Emma would love someone to come & make tea/coffee etc for refreshments at 3.30pm; please contact Sue if you'd be happy to do this.
BENEFICE Baptism & Confirmation Service at St John's Church, Grove, on Sunday 19th October 2025 during the 10.15am service.
USED STAMPS FOR DENCHWORTH CHURCH to Suzanne Cox at Denchworth.
BESPACE IS HIRING! We're looking for a part-time (28 hours) Operations Coordinator to join our small Christian charity for a year. Help support schools and churches across Oxfordshire with admin, events, and communications. Remote £22–25k pro rata Apply by 4pm on 17 Nov info@bespace.be for details.

WANTAGE & GROVE FOODBANK are appealing for donations of food & money to meet the increasing need in this area. Food donations can be left in Church foyer (at Grove) or Sainsburys, Co-op, Waitrose or The Cornerstone. Many thanks. St John's Church: There is point during the 10.15am morning service this Sunday (28 th September) to take food donations to the altar for blessing or to donate money in the wooden donation box in the church foyer. Thank you.
LETCOMBE BASSETT MICHAELMAS FAYRE Saturday 27 th September, 2–5pm craft stalls, books, raffle, teas & cakes, plants, local produce, & children's activities, church floral display & our specially brewed "Bassett Angel" Ale! All welcome. Fundraising for Letcombe Bassett Church.
LIVE STREAM LINK – St John's Church, Grove (10.15am only) The 10.15am Sunday service at St John's Church, Grove is live streamed weekly on YouTube.  Watch live or later: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjvzip6GG1Tybyw58vRe9YveNSDZh92S (This link stays the same each week.)  Auto-captioning is available and can be turned off.  Camera views are wide shots; sit rear left to avoid being on camera. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing: Norah L, Sylvia C, Pat B, Emmeline (Pat B's granddaughter), Khin WM, Rob S, Peter Ch, Susanne C, Wendy R, Katherine S, Laura C, Ursula G and Richard H.

Friends & families mourning: Marie Betteridge, Gina Bunting, Charles Dingwall, Linda Warren, Sue Tyser, Dorothy Lucas, Valerie Bone and Andrew Lovelock.

All living in: Circourt Road (Denchworth); Old School Lane (East Challow); Halls Lane (East Hanney); Oxford Lane, Shannon Close, Tulwick Lane (Grove); Monks Close (West Hanney)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon <i>Michael & All Angels</i>	Psalms 34,150	Daniel 12.1-4	Acts 12.1-11
Tue	Psalms 32,36	1 Chronicles 28.11-end	Mark 11.12-26
Wed	Psalms 34	1 Chronicles 29.1-9	Mark 11.27-end
Thu	Psalms 37	1 Chronicles 29.10-20	Mark 12.1-12
Fri	Psalms 31	1 Chronicles 29.21-end	Mark 12.13-17
Sat	Psalms 42,42,43	2 Chronicles 1.1-13	Mark 12.18-27