

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings selected from:

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” But the way of Jesus can be, perhaps should be, costly. So Stephen discovered. It’s a royal privilege; it’s also a pilgrimage to its end, which is life in all its fullness.

Our Shared Worship

3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion, St John’s, Grove - Rev Miriam Jones
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James’, Hanney - Rev Geoff Maughan
10am Holy Communion, St James’, Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill
10.15am Holy Communion, St John’s, Grove – Rev Miriam Jones
11am Parish Eucharist followed by APCM, St Nicholas’, East Challow -
Rev Alec Gill

10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter (Christian Aid week)

8am Holy Communion, St John’s, Grove - Rev Margot Hodson
9.30am Parish Eucharist followed by APCM, St James’, Hanney -
Rev Alec Gill
10am Parish Communion, St James’, Denchworth - Rev Miriam Jones
10.15am Morning Prayer, St John’s, Grove - Rev Margot & Martin Hodson
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas’, East Challow - Rev Miriam Jones

BENEFICE MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday 6th May – 10am – Holy Communion at St John’s, Grove
Thursday 7th May – 10am – Holy Communion at St Nicholas’, Challow

Ascension Day services (14th May):

10am – Holy Communion at St Nicholas’, Challow
8pm – Worship Service at St John’s, Grove

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing: Margaret D, Father Tony Hogg, Shelley S, Mary L, Rev Dick French, Norah L, Rob S, Peter Ch, Pat B, Susanne C, Wendy R, Katherine S, Laura C, Ursula G & Richard H.

Friends and families mourning: Veronica (Vera) Aspinall, John Spindloe

St John’s - that someone will feel called to come forward to fill the role of Churchwarden

All living in: Byron Avenue, Dunsden Way, Station Road (Grove); Park Terrace, St Nicholas’ Place (East Challow); Orchard Close, Summertown (East Hanney); St James’ Primary School (Hanney)

For: The Prime Minister and all in government at national and local levels. Wise choices in local elections in England, and assembly elections in Scotland and Wales

Those choosing the next Bishop of Oxford

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 145	Numbers 9.15-23;10.33-36	Luke 4.38-end
Tue	Psalm 19	Numbers 11.1-33	Luke 5.1-11
Wed	Psalms 30,147.13-end	Numbers 12	Luke 5.12-26
Thu	Psalms 57,148	Numbers 13.1-3,17-33	Luke 5.27-end
Fri	Psalms 138,149	Numbers 14.1-25	Luke 6.1-11
Sat	Psalms 146,150	Numbers 14.26-45	Luke 6.12-26

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