

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings selected from:

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

It's become a common meme in some Christian circles that events in the Middle East mean that the world will shortly end and Jesus return. However his parting words are quite clear, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority." Instead he tells his disciples to get on with the job of being his witnesses where they are "and to the ends of the earth." Our task is no different, witnessing to the Prince of peace and his kingdom.

Our Shared Worship

17th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Frances Caroe
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Charles Draper
10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill
10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Miriam Jones
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Alec Gill

24th May – Pentecost (Whitsunday)

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Miriam Jones
10am Parish Communion, St James', Denchworth – Rev Geoff Maughan
10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', Challow - Rev Miriam Jones
1pm Blessing and Thanksgiving service – St James', Hanney

BENEFICE MIDWEEK SERVICES

Thursday 21st May: 10am – Holy Communion at St Nicholas', Challow

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

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

All living and working in: St John's Academy School (Grove); Woodhill Lane (East Challow); Hunter Avenue, Southwood Row (East Hanney); Townsend, Monks Close (West Hanney)

For: Those in national and local government and everyone newly elected to positions of responsibility; everyone persecuted for their faithful witness

Those choosing the next Bishop of Oxford

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalms 93,96,97	Numbers 22.1-35	Luke 7.36-end
Tue	Psalms 98,99,100	Numbers 22.36-23.12	Luke 8.1-15
Wed	Psalms 2,29	Numbers 23.13-end	Luke 8.16-25
Thu	Psalms 24,72	Numbers 24	Luke 8.26-39
Fri	Psalms 28,30	Numbers 27.12-end	Luke 8.40-end
Sat	Psalms 42,43	Numbers 32.1-27	Luke 9.1-17

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