

# Vale Benefice Service Sheet

21st June 2026

Third Sunday after Trinity

*Readings selected from:*

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

So we're entering a summer (or surfeit?) of sport of all sorts: football, tennis, F1, cycling, athletics, cricket...! Let's enjoy them. Of course the life of faith is not a game, as our readings remind us. Yet there's this similarity: it's a life of 100% commitment as theirs is for professional sportsmen and women.

"Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it," says Jesus.

## Our Shared Worship

**21st June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Margot Hodson

9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Miriam Jones

10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill

10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove

(With Rev Margot Hodson and Martin Hodson)

11am Holy Communion, St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Velma Oxley

## Upcoming services

**28th June – Patronal Festival - St John the Baptist**

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

9.30am **No service**, St James', Hanney

10am **No service**, St James', Denchworth

10.15am Patronal Festival Communion, St John's, Grove

(With Rev Miriam Jones & Rev Alec Gill)

11am **No service**, St Nicholas', East Challow

## BENEFICE MIDWEEK SERVICES

Thursday 25th June 10am Holy Communion at St Nicholas', Challow

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**Health and healing:** Jeannette R; Kev, Sue and family; 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:** Brian Fell, Michael Hutchings, Pamela Humphreys and Veronica (Vera) Aspinall

**All living in:** Wayland Road, Lime Tree Close, Hardwell Close, Membury Way, Wessex Way, Elswith Close (Grove); Kimbers Close (Denchworth); Anderson Place (East Hanney)

**For:** • lasting peace in the Middle East

• those being ordained next Sunday and on retreat this week

• those receiving treatment and all with long-term conditions

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 71	Judges 8.22-end	Luke 15.1-10
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 73	Judges 9.1-21	Luke 15.11-end
<b>Wed</b> <i>John the Baptist</i>	Psalms 50,149	Malachi 3.1-6	Luke 3.1-17
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 78.1-39	Judges 11.1-11	Luke 16.19-end
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 55	Judges 11.29-end	Luke 17.1-10
<b>Sat</b>	Psalms 76,79x	Judges 12.1-7	Luke 17.11-19

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