

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

19th July 2026

7th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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Our Shared Worship

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James’, Hanney – Rev Velma Oxley

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

10.15am Holy Communion, St John’s, Grove with

Rev Miriam Jones & Rev Hannah Lewis

11am Holy Communion, St Nicholas’, East Challow - Rev Alec Gill

Upcoming services

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Benefice midweek services: There is **NO** 10am Holy Communion at St Nicholas’, Challow on Thursday 23rd July

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing: Maureen D; 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.

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All living in: Mustang Road, Norseman Road, Horsa Close, Whitley Close, Wellington Street, Douglas Drive (Grove); Barn Close (Denchworth); Walnut Court (West Hanney)

For:

- all suffering from the heatwave including the forest fires in southern Europe
- those entrusted with selecting the next Bishop of Oxford
- families on holiday; church camps
- true and lasting peace between Russia & Ukraine, USA & Iran, in civil war in DR Congo and in Sudan

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalms 1,2,3	1 Samuel 10.1-16	Luke 22.24-30
Tue	Psalms 5,6,8	1 Samuel 10.17-end	Luke 22.31-38
Wed <i>Mary Magd</i>	Psalms 30,32,150	1 Samuel 16.14-end	Luke 8.1-13
Thu	Psalms 14,15,16	1 Samuel 12	Luke 22.47-62
Fri	Psalms 17,18	1 Samuel 13.5-18	Luke 22.63-end
Sat <i>St James</i>	Psalms 7,29,117	2 Kings 1.9-15	Luke 9.46-56

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