

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

16th August 2026

11th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from

Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15.21-28

God's intention has always been to bless the whole world through the Church, "for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations," as He says through Isaiah. The woman from Lebanon has sensed this and Jesus responds to her faith. Paul explains how the Jewish people fit into God's wishes. Let's pray and work for the day when His creation will be restored and all the nations praise Him together.

Our Shared Worship

16th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

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

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 Margot & Martin Hodson

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

Upcoming services

23rd August - 12th Sunday after Trinity - Denchworth Patronal Festival

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

9.30am No service, St James', Hanney

10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill

11am Morning Worship, St Nicholas', East Challow – Jeff Penfold

6pm Festival Evensong, St James', Denchworth – Rev Alec Gill

REMINDER: Midweek Services There will be no midweek communion services in either Challow or Grove during the August holiday period.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health and healing: Amanda B, 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: Mary Mann, Brian Fell, Sheila Hutchings and Michael Hutchings and Josephine Bowler.

All living in: Boston Close, Stanley Hall Road, Arnold Way, Maguire Close (Grove); Home Farm Mews (Denchworth); The Causeway, Crown Meadow, Whitfield Gardens (East Hanney)

For: • those badly affected by heat and drought all over the world because of man-made climate change
• for the day when every nation together will praise the one true God through Jesus Christ

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalms 80,82	2 Samuel 3.12-end	Acts 6
Tue	Psalms 87,89.1-18	2 Samuel 5.1-12	Acts 7.1-16
Wed	Psalm 119.105-128	2 Samuel 6.1-19	Acts 7.17-43
Thu	Psalms 90,92	2 Samuel 7.1-17	Acts 7.44-53
Fri	Psalms 88, (95)	2 Samuel 7.18-end	Acts 7.54-8.3
Sat	Psalms 86,96,100	2 Samuel 9	Acts 8.4-25

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