

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

23rd August 2026

12th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from

Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

Not only is the countryside still suffering from the drought, but people's souls are also parched. This is just as dangerous for our world, as we desperately look for answers in all the wrong places. "But who do you say that I am?" asks Jesus. Now THAT is the question and He is God's answer to our deepest longing and need.

Our Shared Worship

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 with
Jeff Penfold, Nick and Claire Page

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

Upcoming services

30th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity

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

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

10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Rev Peter Rich

10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill

11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Rev Miriam Jones

Midweek Services

Wednesday 2nd September 10am Holy Communion, St John's Rooms, Grove

Thursday 3rd September 10am Holy Communion, St Nicholas', Challow

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 & Michael Hutchings, Josephine Bowler, Des Thomas and Professor Jason Arday

For those: receiving exam results and those retaking exams, starting 6th form, new schools, college, university, apprenticeships, other training and new jobs.

All: farmers, gardeners and naturalists **living in** our four parishes as they face the effects of the prolonged drought; the emergency services and the vulnerable

- the Christian Palestinians harassed in Taybeh in the West Bank
 - for the day when everyone will find Jesus Christ as God's answer to their spiritual thirst
- "Lord, You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon <i>Bartholmew</i>	Psalms 86,117	Genesis 26.10-17	John 1.43-end
Tue	Psalm 106	2 Samuel 12.1-25	Acts 9.1-19a
Wed	Psalm 110,111,112	2 Samuel 15.1-12	Acts 9.19b-31
Thu	Psalms 113,115	2 Samuel 15.13-end	Acts 9.32-end
Fri	Psalm 139	2 Samuel 16.1-14	Acts 10.1-16
Sat	Psalm 120,121,122	2 Samuel 17.1-23	Acts 10.17-33

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