

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

30th August 2026

13th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from

Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1-8; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28

All our readings concern the cost of faith, whether you're an Old Testament prophet or embattled king, an early Christian or simply anyone who follows the suffering servant King. The staggering fact is that today over 388 million Christians face high levels of persecution and discrimination – that's one in seven believers worldwide (*Open Doors UK*). We can support them with our informed prayer and our money.

Our Shared Worship

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

Upcoming services

6th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

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

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 Miriam Jones

11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Alec Gill

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.

All living in: Lancaster Crescent, Adams Row, Vickers Way, Armstrong Avenue, Barbury Drive (Grove); Sarajac Avenue (East Challow); Aldworth Close, Herman Close (East Hanney)

All: farmers, gardeners and naturalists as they face the effects of the prolonged drought; the emergency services and the vulnerable

Our fellow Christians: in North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Eritrea, Syria and Christian Palestinians harassed in Taybeh in the West Bank

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalms 123,124,125,126	2 Samuel 18.1-18	Acts 10.34-end
Tue	Psalms 132,133	2 Samuel 18.19-19.8a	Acts 11.1-18
Wed	Psalm 119.153-end	2 Samuel 19.8b-23	Acts 11.19-end
Thu	Psalms 143,146	2 Samuel 19.24-end	Acts 12.1-17
Fri	Psalms 142,144	2 Samuel 23.1-7	Acts 12.18-end
Sat	Psalm 147	2 Samuel 24	Acts 13.1-12

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