

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

13th September 2026

15th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from

Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.1-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

We live in a very unforgiving world, and it is not the world of Jesus Christ. Shakespeare knew this: "in the course of justice, none of us should see salvation: we do pray for mercy; And that same prayer doth teach us all to render the deeds of mercy." Joseph knew it too; David, Peter and Paul experienced God's mercy. However journalists today will hound alleged miscreants to their death while we lap up the stories. May God forgive us.

Our Shared Worship

13th September - 15th Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Alec Gill

10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth - Rev Miriam Jones

10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Sarah Shackleton (LLM)

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

Upcoming services

20th September - 16th Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Charles Draper

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

Thursday 17th 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: Des Thomas, Mary Mann, Penelope Bailey, Josephine Bowler, Sheila & Michael Hutchings and Pastor Robert Guanco

All of our local schools, their headteachers, church governors, students, pupils and teachers; those involved in selecting the new Bishop of Oxford

The relief agencies still working after the Nepal/Tibet flooding; the increasing number of Ebola victims in the DRC; those suffering in conflicts in Ukraine, the Middle East, South Sudan; peace makers

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	Psalms 2,8,146	Genesis 3.1-15	John 12.27-36a
Tue	Psalms 32,36	1 Kings 8.63-9.9	Acts 16.25-end
Wed	Psalm 34	1 Kings 10.1-25	Acts 17.1-15
Thu	Psalm 37	1 Kings 11.1-13	Acts 17.16-end
Fri	Psalm 31	1 Kings 11.26-end	Acts 18.1-21
Sat	Psalms 41,42,43	1 Kings 12.1-24	Acts 18.22-19.7

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