

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

20th September 2026

16th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from

Jonah 3.10 - 4.11; Psalm 145.1-8; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16

“Is it right for you to be angry?” God asks Jonah. We’ve seen a lot of anger in south coast ports in recent days. Ranks of black clad black hooded men calling themselves an army of Christian patriots attacking the police and threatening lifeboat crews, and chanting, “Christ is king.” St Paul tells us to “live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.” The gospel of Jesus is one not of exclusion, violence and hate, but of light, welcome, peace and love.

Our Shared Worship

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

Upcoming services

27th September - 17th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion, St John’s, Grove - Rev Frances Caroe
10am Holy Communion, St James’, Denchworth - Rev Miriam Jones
10.15am Harvest Morning Worship Celebration, St John’s, Grove
(with Rev Alec Gill)
11am Harvest Morning Worship, St Nicholas’, East Challow
(with Rev Miriam Jones)
4.30pm, Confirmation Service, St James’, Hanney
(with Rev Miriam Jones, Rev Alec Gill & Bishop Gavin Collins)

Midweek Services

24th September 10am Holy Communion, St Nicholas, East Challow
26th September 2.30pm Messy Church, St John’s Hall, Grove

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, Bernice White

Those involved in selecting the new Bishop of Oxford; Cornerstone.

All genuinely seeking peace e.g. in Israel, Palestine, America, China, Russia, Ukraine, Yemen

Those working in our public services, the police, fire service, paramedics, medical staff, lifeboats.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	<i>St Matthew</i>	Psalms 49,117	1 Kings 19.15-end	2 Timothy 3.14-17
Tue		Psalms 48,52	1 Kings 13.11-end	Acts 19.21-end
Wed		Psalm 119.57-80	1 Kings 17	Acts 20.1-16
Thu		Psalms 56,57	1 Kings 18.1-20	Acts 20.17-end
Fri		Psalms 51,54	1 Kings 18.21-end	Acts 21.1-16
Sat		Psalm 68	1 Kings 19	Acts 21.17-36

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