

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

27th September 2026

17th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32; Psalm 25.1-8; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

The first churches, like In Philippi, were a tiny minority in a hostile world and yet God worked through them to change that world. And today: "It might seem as if we are beleaguered and vastly outnumbered, but there are many longing for a word of hope. Awakening to churchgoing might still be some way off, but awakening to God might be closer than we think. Who can you think of?" (*Bp John Pritchard*) Let's believe, pray and live the mind of Christ our servant King.

Our Shared Worship

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 Celebration (MW), St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill

11am Harvest Celebration (MW), 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)

Upcoming services

4th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Rev Velma Oxley

10am Harvest Celebration, St James', Denchworth - Rev Miriam Jones

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

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

Midweek Services

1st October 10am Holy Communion, St Nicholas', East 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: Penelope Bailey, Des Thomas, Mary Mann, Josephine Bowler, Sheila & Michael Hutchings, Bernice White & Noah Woods

Our local GPs and medical staff, retail workers, police, social workers, MP & councillors

Those involved in selecting the new Bishop of Oxford; Archbishop Sarah Mullally; King Charles; the Prime Minister

All working with refugees and asylum seekers

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 71	1 Kings 21	Acts 21.37-22.21
Tue	<i>Michael & AAng</i> Psalms 34,150	Daniel 12.1-4	Acts 12.1-11
Wed	Psalm 77	1 Kings 22.29-45	Acts 23.12-end
Thu	Psalm 78.1-39	2 Kings 1.2-17	Acts 24.1-23
Fri	Psalm 55	2 Kings 2.1-18	Acts 24.24-25.12
Sat	Psalms 76,79	2 Kings 4.1-37	Acts 25.13-end

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