

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

4th October 2026

18th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from

Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.8-16; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

“For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!” (*Isaiah*) How contemporary this sounds all over the world! Jesus’ question is, are we ourselves “a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom”? He’s still looking for them today. We know what they are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Our Shared Worship

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 –

Why a vision prayer?

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

Upcoming services

11th October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30am Harvest 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

(with Sarah Shackleton LLM) - *Why “come to Jesus”?*

11am Parish Eucharist (with Baptism), St Nicholas’, East Challow

(with Rev Miriam Jones)

Midweek Services

Wednesday 7th October 10am Holy Communion, St John’s Rooms, Grove

Thursday 8th 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: Anthony Charles, Nathan Pearce, Penelope Bailey, Des Thomas, Mary Mann, Bernice White & Noah Woods
All those working for peace and justice in the world; the United Nations; Christian Aid, TEAR Fund, the RNLI & other relief agencies; those involved in selecting the new Bishop of Oxford

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalms 80,82	2 Kings 5	Acts 26.1-23
Tue	Psalms 87,89.1-18	2 Kings 6.1-23	Acts 26.24-end
Wed	Psalm 119.105-128	2 Kings 9.1-16	Acts 27.1-26
Thu	Psalms 90,92	2 Kings 9.17-end	Acts 27.27-end
Fri	Psalms 88,95	2 Kings 12.1-19	Acts 28.1-16
Sat	Psalms 96,97,100	2 Kings 17.1-23	Acts 28.17-end

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