

Vale Benefice Service Sheet

18th October 2026

20th Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from

Isaiah 45.1-7; Psalm 96.1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22; Romans 12.1-2; John 15.1-8

“We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” How would Paul and his companions have remembered us in their prayers? How unwavering is our hope in the face of indifference, let alone the persecution the Thessalonian church faced, and as many Christians experience today?

Our Shared Worship

18th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity

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

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

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

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

Why “grow in faith”?

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

Upcoming services

25th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Frances Caroe

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

10am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth - Rev Peter Rich

10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove - Rev Miriam Jones

Why “live out faith”?

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

8pm Worship evening, St John's Church, Grove

Midweek Services

Thursday 22nd October 10am Holy Communion, St Nicholas', East Challow

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Health and healing: Amanda B, Jeanette 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, Maysa Abu Daoud & her daughter Mary al-Najjar.

Those organisations supporting persecuted Christians: Barnabas Aid, Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust, Open Doors. **Those involved** in selecting the new Bishop of Oxford.

Our government entrusted with maintaining law and order here and in Northern Ireland; medical staff working for the NHS, our local surgery & hospitals

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalms 145,146	Isaiah 55	Luke 1.1-4
Tue	Psalms 132,133	2 Kings 22.1-23.3	1 Timothy 1.18-2.15
Wed	Psalm 119.137-152	2 Kings 23.4-25	1 Timothy 3
Thu	Psalms 143,146	2 Kings 23.36-24.17	1 Timothy 4
Fri	Psalms 142,144	2 Kings 24.18-25.12	1 Timothy 5.1-16
Sat	Psalm 147	2 Kings 25.22-end	1 Timothy 5.17-end

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