

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 27,30	Joshua 14	Luke 12.1-12
Tue	Psalm 32,36	Joshua 21.43-22.8	Luke 12.13-21
Wed	Psalm 34	Joshua 22.9-end	Luke 12.22-31
Thu	Psalm 37	Joshua 23	Luke 12.32-40
Fri	Psalm 31	Joshua 24.1-28	Luke 12.41-48
Sat	Psalm 41,42,43	Joshua 24.29-endv	Luke 12.49-end

DIARY FOR THE WEEK *(Starting on Monday 3rd June)*

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Art Group, Lower St John's Room
	12.45pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	1 st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Tue	7pm	Section 12 Meeting, St John's Church
	9.30am	Make & Bake at Cornerstone, Grove
	10am	Tuesday Simply Singing Group, Lower St John's Room
	2pm	U3A Main Meeting, St John's Church Hall
Wed	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St John's Church, Grove
	10.30am	GroW: Baby Massage, Lower St John's Room
Thu	1pm	Grove School booking, Lower St John's Room
	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
Fri	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	2pm	Bible Group, Lower St John's Room
	5.30pm	1 st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	Visitation Service, St Peter & St Paul Church, Wantage
Sat	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	Friends on Friday, St John's Church Hall
Sun	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Cornerstone Café, Grove
	11am	Baptism/Blessing Meeting with families, Lower St John's Room
	1.30pm	NCT Group Meeting, St John's Church Hall
Sun	4pm	Joint WGCP Service, St John's Church
	6.30pm	Senior Youth Group, St John's Church Hall

Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet.

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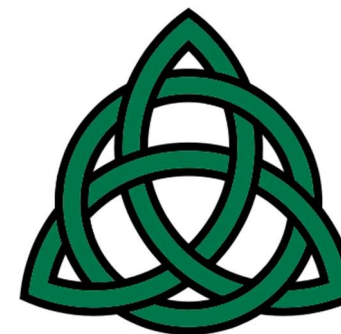
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2nd June 2024
First Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from:

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18; 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

“O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.” God’s knowledge of individuals also applies to churches – which should encourage us as we await our next vicar. He knows our past, our present, and He cares about our future. We can trust Him!

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 2nd June

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Robin Lapwood
9am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Rev Robin Lapwood
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Rev Geoff Maughan
10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Robin Lapwood
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Rev Geoff Maughan
6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 9th June

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove – Rev Alec Gill
9am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth – Rev Robin Lapwood
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney – Rev Alec Gill
10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Sarah Shackleton (LLM)
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow – Rev Alec Gill
4pm Joint WGCP Service, St John's, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

REMINDERS:

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP Meeting on Sunday 2nd June in the Lower St John's Room (3pm – 4.30pm) All Welcome.

THANK YOU to Sue Powditch. We are so thankful to Sue for all she has done in her Licensed Lay Minister role and in her many roles in St John's, and the Benefice, over the last 40 years. There is a retirement card in the entrance hall for you to sign and if you would like to donate towards a thank you gift, please can you give it to the office (if the office is not open, please put it in the office letterbox). The last day for donations is 23rd June. Many thanks. Rev Alec Gill and Grove Churchwardens

CHRISTIAN AID donations at St John's Church Thank you for all who have already donated to Christian Aid Week. We are still accepting donations for another week. There are giving envelopes available in the St John's Church foyer. Please place your envelopes in the basket at the back of church or in the Benefice Office letterbox (on the side of the St John's Rooms building), so that it can be safely collected. Many thanks. If you prefer to donate online, please use the link below;

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergency-fund-appeal>

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY We meet again on 7th June 2.00pm when we will think about 'Giftings' and include a sketch and more. All welcome!

ST JAMES SCHOOL, HANNEY - PRAYER SPACE Tues 25th – Fri 28th June 2024.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH FETE 2024 (29th June 2-4pm) as part of St John's Patronal Festival. Please save tins, jars & bottles of food, drink, toiletries for the tombola, nearly new toys, books, bric a brac & raffle prizes etc. Please grow plants for our plant stall & advise me if any of your family or friends can do face painting. Please let Nicky Gibbard know if you can help in any way. nicky.gibbard@valebenefice.org.uk thanks.

WANTAGE & GROVE CHURCH PARTNERSHIP (WGCP) This year's Joint Churches' Service will be at St John's Church, Grove on Sunday 9th June at 4pm, with refreshments in the church hall afterwards. Please do come and join.

NO EVENING SERVICE AT GROVE on 9th June as there will be a joint WGCP Service at 4pm instead. All Welcome.

GROVE CHURCH FLOWERS Thank you to the church flower team who have provided beautiful displays in church again this year. If you would like to donate towards the Pentecost/Trinity flower arrangements, please leave your donation in an envelope marked (Flowers) in the Benefice post box. Many thanks.

GROVE CHURCH Hall Roof Repairs There will be scaffolding going up around the church and hall building on 6th and 7th June (remaining there for 3 weeks) while the church hall roof is repaired. Groups can meet as they usually do in the hall but with the advice that there will be some noise. Please take extra care walking around the buildings during this time. Many thanks.

GROVE CHURCH VOLUNTEER Rosters Please start sending the office any dates you know you will not be available in the next roster period, (September 2024 - end February 2025) as Andrea will be preparing the next rosters very soon. **Please get these to me by Friday 21st June 2024.** Many thanks and praise God for all our church volunteers.

MEALS for ESTHER & ANDREI ROGOBETE - ST JOHN'S We are organising meals for Esther and Andrei Rogobete who are expecting a baby! Meals are welcome at their home on weekdays from 12th June, 6pm onwards, if you want to participate either sign up: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1smYC76NoXcMHQvs_zVTAs_EFH6oedD0t3miKYpsMY7s/edit or contact Johanna on 07808594286. Many thanks.

ST JOHN'S TEA PARTY The St John's "Tea Party" at Cornerstone will not take place in June as it coincides with the Wantage and Grove Extravaganza, 15th June.

OPEN TABLE at Cornerstone has now finished. We had a rather bitter-sweet final evening on 15th singing some of our favourite songs and hymns and wishing Jane and Pete Beckley, God-speed when they move. They were founders of the group, and we shall miss them. Michael Wenham.

WANTAGE & GROVE STREET PASTORS AGM Tuesday 22.7.2024, Cornerstone
NEWSLETTER CONTENT: news@valebenefice.org.uk Items for newsletter inclusion will be put in for 2 weeks, Please re-send your content by 10pm on Tuesdays if you wish your notice to go into the newsletter again. Thank you.

CORNERSTONE NEWS Email: office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk Tel: 772280

Part-time paid cook vacancy: We are looking for a cook for Monday, Thursday and Friday (9.15am-2.30pm). If you are interested or know someone who might be, do get in touch. **Outside catering:** we can cater for all sizes of events from a tray of sandwiches for a meeting to a full cold buffet for up to 100 people. Do contact us for more information.

Advance notice: **Father's Day 16th June:** we have a good selection of cards as well as items suitable as gifts. Come and browse. **AGM:** our AGM will be held on Monday 17th June from 7.15pm for 7.30pm, with light refreshments on arrival. Do come along and hear about the work of Cornerstone over the past year and looking forward.

GROW PARENTING COURSE: Starts 17.6.2024 (for 5 weeks). 7.30pm in Lower St John's Room. To book, email; contact@growfamilies.co.uk

CRM ELMBROOK COURT, Friendship Café A quick reminder that our next Friendship Café meeting is on Monday 27th May at our usual time of 2pm. Come and join us for a hot drink and slice of cake, some chat and a quiz to get those brains thinking. Samantha Spencer, Client Relations Manager clientrelations.ec@oaklandcare.com

PRAYER REQUESTS: If anyone has specific prayer requests, please email confidentially to: prayer@valebenefice.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Health & healing (short term): Mary L, Wendy R, and Lucille V,

Health & healing (long term): Anne V, Katherine S, Gemma G, Bob B, John B, Ari P, Laura C, Ursula G & Richard H

Friends & Family mourning: Heather Hughes, Gerald Belcher and John Hedges

Those with their Banns of marriage readings in the Vale Benefice Churches

Those being "Blessed" & "Baptised" in the Vale Benefice Churches

Our Benefice Churches' Parish Reps

All those taking exams, tests and training now and in the coming weeks

Those living in Rose Terrace in Denchworth, The Causeway and Hall Lane in East Hanney; Old Mill Close, Grovelands Court and North Drive in Grove