

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 13th May)

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Genealogy 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	10am	Tuesday Simply Singing Group, Lower St John's Room
	10am	Funeral Service in church for T/L Rev John Hedges
	11am - 1pm	Funeral Reception, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	U3A Main Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	7.45pm	Grove PCC Meeting at Cornerstone, Grove
Wed	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10.30am	GroW: Baby Massage, Lower St John's Room
	2pm	WGCP Leaders Meeting, 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
Thu	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	11am	U3A Leaders Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	2pm	ASC Support Afternoon, Grove CE School
	5.30pm	1 st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Fri	2pm	Friends on Friday (Holy Communion) St John's Church Hall
Sat	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Frances Gillott's house, Grove
	10am-2.30pm	Private Party in St John's Church Hall
	2pm	St John's Tea Party at Cornerstone, Grove
Sun	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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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



12th May 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

Readings selected from:

Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; Acts 1:15-17,21-26; John 17:6-19

Jesus has gone! His followers, 120 of them, know it's not the end of the story. He's promised them a gift from his Father; but how will the Spirit come and what difference will that make? Well, as next Sunday, Pentecost, will prove, it is radical, indeed dramatic. We too are in a period of uncertainty, waiting for a new vicar during the vacancy. Let's pray with faith and expectation. Come, Holy Spirit, to us!

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 12th May

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
11am Parish Eucharist (with Baptism), St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Alec Gill
(followed by APCM)
6pm (No Service), St John's, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 19th May - Pentecost

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill
9am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth - Rev Alec Gill
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Charles Draper
10.15am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill
11am Morning Sunday Service, St Nicholas', East Challow
6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

Christian Aid Week - 12th – 19th May 2024**REMINDERS:**

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE at St Nicholas Church, E. Challow, on Thursday 9th May at 10am.

GROVE (St John's Church) APCM on Saturday 11th May (7.30pm) in church hall.

CHALLOW (St Nicholas Church) APCM on Sunday 12th May (12 noon) in church.

BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON: Sunday **12th May** (2pm-5pm) St John's Church Hall.

GROVE (St John's Church) PCC is on Tuesday 14th May at Cornerstone, Grove.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH 6pm SERVICES: There will be no evening service at St. John's on the 12th May, but we hope to resume on the 19th May. Many thanks. Pete.

ST JOHN'S Progress on Vacancy Section 11 Meeting has been held and timetable for recruitment agreed. Draft profile has been produced for review.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th-19th May St John's, Grove is celebrating Christian Aid Week by having "offering envelopes" in church on 12th and 19th May. We are collecting donations specifically for Christian Aid's Emergency Fund Appeal to support emergencies which may not make the news headlines. Please pray & consider whether this is a cause that you could support. If you have any questions about how Christian Aid work in emergencies, please ask Johanna Fadipe. Many thanks, Johanna.

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. **We still have the need for more volunteers for stalls & people to help set up gazebos in the morning.** Please speak with Nicky on; Nicky.Gibbard@Valebenefice.org.uk Many thanks everyone for your support.

GROVE CHURCH FETE DONATIONS: Please leave fete donation items in the **St John's Rooms building** foyer (behind the line of chairs) Thank you.

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

There will be no **Make & Bake** on Tuesday 14th May. Apologies for any inconvenience. We are back as usual on 21st but none on 28th as half-term.

Hot meal special: this will be served on Wednesday 29th May. Please book in advance so we know how many to cater for.

We are continuing to offer **Cream Teas** daily: come and treat yourself or someone else.

Advance notice: Our **AGM** will be held on Monday 17th June at 7.30pm.

Do come along and hear more about the work of Cornerstone over the past year and looking forward.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE for T/L JOHN HEDGES will be held at St John's Church, Grove on Tuesday 14th May at 10am. There will be a reception in the hall afterwards from 11am – 1pm. All Welcome.

ST JOHN'S TEA PARTY at Cornerstone on Saturday 18th May (2pm-3pm). A lovely opportunity to meet with others while supporting Cornerstone, Grove. All welcome.

WANTAGE & GROVE CHURCH PARTNERSHIP (WGCP) This years 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.

MARIPOSA TRUST "Saying Goodbye Service" Baby loss remembrance & support service. 18th May (1pm), in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

ASC SUPPORT COFFEE AFTERNOON (with SENCo: Mrs Elgar) at Grove CE School (2pm) on **Thursday 16th May 2024**. Grove & Wantage community welcome.

ART COMPETITION (for Grove & Wantage Extravaganza) Grove Parish Council will sponsor an Art competition at this event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D Day (6th June 1944), with prizes up to £500 in total. See posters in the St John's church hall for details. Entries to Grove Parish Council by 12 noon (Friday 31st May).

GroW EVENTS: To book an event email: contact@growfamilies.co.uk

Parenting Course: Starts 17.6.2024 (for 5 weeks). 7.30pm in Lower St John's Room.

Baby Massage: Starts 15.5.2024 (for 5 weeks). 10.30am in Lower St John's Room.

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

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.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 93,96,97	Numbers 22.1-35	Luke 7.36-end
Tue	Psalm 16,147.1-12	1 Samuel 2.27-35	Acts 2.37-end
Wed	Psalm 2,29	Numbers 23.13-end	Luke 8.16-25
Thu	Psalm 24,72	Numbers 24	Luke 8.26-39
Fri	Psalm 28,30	Numbers 27.12-end	Luke 8.40-end
Sat	Psalm 42,43	Numbers 32.1-27	Luke 9.1-17

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Health & healing (short term): Wendy Rutterford and Lucille Vaughan

Health & healing (long term): Anne Venners, Gemma Gill, Bob Bulpitt, John Butter, Ari Psaras, Laura Challis, Ursula Geer & Richard Hummerston

Friends & Family mourning: Gerald Belcher, John Hedges and John Hudson

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

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

Those living in Sarajac Avenue and Main Street in East Challow; Crown Meadow in East Hanney; Savile Way, Farmstead Close and Rosebay Crescent in Grove