

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 20th May)

Mon	10am 10am 12.45pm 7pm	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall U3A Science Group, Lower St John's Room GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall 1 st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Tue	9.30am 10am 10am 2pm 7pm	Make & Bake, Cornerstone, Grove Tuesday Simply Singing Group, Lower St John's Room Mid-week Eucharist at St James, West Hanney U3A Main Meeting, St John's Church Hall 2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Wed	9.15am 10.30 1pm 2pm 7pm 8pm	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall GroW: baby Massage Group, Lower St John's Room Grove School Meeting, Lower St John's Room Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
Thu	10am 11am 2pm 5.30pm 8pm	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow U3A Leaders Meeting, Upper St John's Room Bible Group, Lower St John's Room 1 st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Sat	8.30am 9.30am	Morning Prayer at Frances Gillott's house, Grove Private Booking, St John's Church Hall
Sun		Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet.

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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



19th May 2024

Pentecost

Readings selected from:

Psalm 104:26-35; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Pentecost (the 50th day inclusive from Easter, and often called Whitsunday) is the festival of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our readings reveal the work of the Spirit in bringing to life and revealing truth. He/she still does the same - breathes life into people and all creation - and reveals the love of God to all the world, as Jesus Himself did to His disciples while on earth. Let's welcome the Spirit's confidence, as the disciples did, to share the love of Christ in words and deeds that others will understand.

Our Shared Worship

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

Upcoming Services

Sunday 26th May - Trinity Sunday

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill
9am Morning Service, St James', Denchworth
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Alec Gill
10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove – Sue Powditch (LLM)
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Alec Gill
6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

REMINDERS:

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

ST JOHN’S “TEA PARTY” at Cornerstone, Saturday 18th May at 2pm.

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th-19th May Thank you for all the folks who have already donated to Christian Aid Week, there are still giving envelopes available envelopes in the St John’s Church foyer. If you want to leave any money outside of services, please place it in the Benefice Office letterbox (on the side of the St John’s Rooms building), so that it can be safely collected. Many thanks. We are also inviting folk who want to give directly to use this link: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergency-fund-appeal> 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

Part-time paid cook vacancy: We are looking for a cook for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (9.15am-2.30pm). If you are interested or know someone who might be do get in touch.

Volunteers: Our volunteer shifts are just two hours long and we are looking to cover a number of regular gaps on our rota for serving in the café, washing up and helping in our bookshop.

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. Please do 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.

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.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The family & friends of Joe Bailey as we remember him on what would have been his 15th birthday this week. Thank you.

ST JAMES SCHOOL, HANNEY - PRAYER SPACE will be from Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th June 2024.

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.

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 123-126	Joshua 1	Luke 9.18-27
Tue	Psalm 132,133	Joshua 2	Luke 9.28-36
Wed	Psalm 119.153-end	Joshua 3	Luke 9.37-50
Thu	Psalm 143,146	Joshua 4.1-5.1	Luke 9.51-end
Fri	Psalm 142,144	Joshua 5,2-end	Luke 10.1-16
Sat	Psalm 147	Joshua 6.1-20	Luke 10.17-24

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Health & healing (short term): Mary Lesmra, 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

Our Benefice Churches’ Parish Reps

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

Those living in Challow Road in East Challow; Ashfields Lane in East Hanney; Columbia Way, Steptoe Close and Cotton Close in Grove; Grove Technology Park