

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 10th June)

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Genealogy Group, Lower St John's Room
	10am	GroW Focus Group, Upper St John's Room
	12.45pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	1 st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	Visitation Service, St Edburges, Bicester
Tue	9.30am	Make & Bake at Cornerstone, Grove
	10am	Tuesday Simply Singing Group, Lower St John's Room
	10.30am	Interment of ashes, St John's Churchyard
	2pm	U3A FILM Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Online "Teams" Meeting (Messy Church planning/ideas)
Wed	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10.30am	GroW: Baby Massage, 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
	10am	Mid-week Eucharist at St Nicholas, East Challow
	1pm	Funeral Service for T/L Heather Hughes, St John's Church
	2pm	ASC Support Meeting, Grove CE Primary School
	5.30pm	1 st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	7.30pm	GroW Committee Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Fri	2pm	U3A Yarn Group Meeting, Lower St John's Room
Sat	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Frances Gillott's house, Grove
		GROVE & WANTAGE EXTRAVAGANZA, Rugby Field, 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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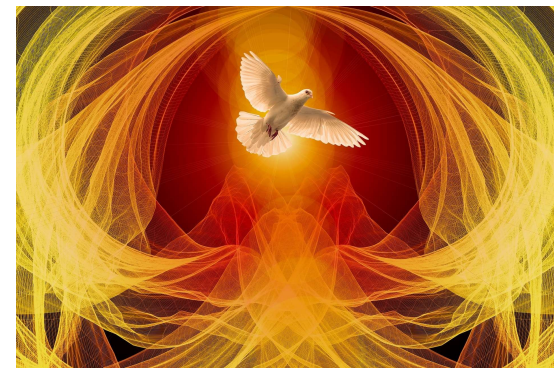
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VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



9th June 2024
2nd Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from:

Psalm 138; 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

As we read the account in 1 Samuel of the people of Israel demanding a king to govern them "like other nations", in the run-up to the General Election we are reminded that if we insist on our own way God will grant it – for better, or worse. It's a serious matter. But it's not of the ultimate importance. Jesus said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Our Shared Worship

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

Upcoming Services

Sunday 16th June

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove
9am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Charles Draper
10.15am Holy Communion (with Baptisms), St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Robin Lapwood

REMINDERS:

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY meet again THIS FRIDAY (7th June) at 2pm, when we will think about 'Giftings' and include a sketch and more. All welcome!

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

NO 6pm EVENING SERVICE AT GROVE This Sunday 9th June.

GROVE CHURCH Hall Roof Repairs will now be starting on Monday 17th June (not 10th June). Please be aware of scaffolding going up around the church and hall building (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.

No 6pm EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE at Grove on Sunday 16th June 2024.

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

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, & raffle prizes etc.

There is a map and fete flyers in the church entrance hall, please can you cross off roads that you can deliver to, we particularly would like to deliver to the houses on the new estates. Many thanks for your help with this. Please let Nicky Gibbard know if you can help in any way. nicky.gibbard@valebenefice.org.uk Many thanks, Nicky

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 donated to the Christian Aid Appeal.

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.

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 07808504286. Many thanks.

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

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 **GROVE CHURCH FLOWERS** Thank you to the church flower team who have provided some 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.

FRAMLAND GARDEN PARTY Saturday 29th June (12.30pm – 4pm). All Welcome.

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 44	Judges 2	Luke 13.1-9
Tue	Psalm 100,101,117	Jeremiah 9.23-24	Acts 4.32-end
Wed	Psalm 119.57-80	Judges 5	Luke 13.22-end
Thu	Psalm 56,57	Judges 6.1-24	Luke 14.1-11
Fri	Psalm 51,54	Judges 6.25-end	Luke 14.12-24
Sat	Psalm 68	Judges 7	Luke 14.25-end

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

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

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

Friends & Family mourning: Josephine (Josie) Lamble, Anne Venners, 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

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Those living in Hyde Road in Denchworth; Berry Lane in East Hanney; The Meads in West Hanney; Godfrey Close and Oxford Lane in Grove; Grove Park Drive