

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 1st July)

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
	2pm	Grove CE School, Lower St John's Room
	7pm	1 st Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Tue	7.30pm	GroW Parenting Course, Lower St John's Room
	9.30am	Make & Bake at Cornerstone, Grove
	10am	Simply Singing Group, Lower St John's Room
	2pm	U3A Main Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
Wed	7.30pm	Grove Church PCC Meeting, Cornerstone, Grove
	7.45pm	Street Pastors AGM, Holy Trinity Church, Charlton
	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	Mid-Week Holy Communion Service, St John's Church
	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Thu	7pm	Jungle Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	10am	Mid-Week Holy Communion Service, St Nicholas, E. Challow
	10.45am	Yogalates Class, St John's Church Hall
	12.45pm	GroW Babies Group EXTRA meeting, St John's Church Hall
Fri	2pm	Bible Group, Lower St John's Room
	5.30pm	1 st Grove Brownies, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	Friends on Friday "Strawberry Tea", St John's Church Hall
	Sat	8.30am
	10.30am	Interment of ashes at Grove Cemetery
	3pm	Women's Social Group, Lower St John's Room
	4pm	Visitation Service, Dorchester Abbey
	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



30th June 2024

St John the Baptist Patronal Festival

Readings selected from:

Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.7-13; Acts 13.14b-26; Galatians 3.23-30; Luke 1.57-66, 80

Well, what a momentous Sunday! It's the week of a General Election; it's the Sunday when many men and women are ordained for ministry in the Church (like Fran Caroe at Wantage Parish), and it's our deferred celebration of John the Baptist – who might in later life have had a few things to say to both would-be priests and politicians. 'What then will this child become?' people ask when he's born. Answer: he will be the herald who announces the coming rule of God on earth, the only kingdom of peace and justice there will ever be. May our children be inspired with vision like his.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 30th June

The Birth of St John the Baptist

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

10.15am United Benefice Communion, St John's, Grove

with Rev Alec Gill, Sue Powditch (LLM) and Sarah Shackleton (LLM)

6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 7th July

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 (with Baptism), St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill

11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Robin Lapwood

6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

BENEFICE NEWS

REMINDERS:

2 - 4pm - St John's Church SUMMER FETE

ST JOHN'S SUMMER CLEAN Saturday 13th July, 9.30am - 12.00pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the Entrance Hall & come & help for an hour. Jobs will include cleaning low level windows, kitchen cupboards & carpets in the church & hall. Tea, coffee & cake will be served! Thank you for your help.

BENEFICE MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES: There will be NO 10am Services in our Benefice Churches in August. Starting again at Grove Church on 4th September.

FRIENDS on FRIDAY have their annual Strawberry tea on Friday 5th July 2pm-3.30pm in St John's Church Hall. It is open to all, and you are most welcome to join us.

To help with the catering, please let Angela know if you hope to be there, by phoning 411315 and leaving a message if necessary. Thank you.

THE FUNERAL of NORA JOHNSON is 11am on 3rd July at Grove Methodist Church, followed by Cremation at 12 noon, with a Reception at Grove Methodist Church afterwards. Nora's family welcome us.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH FETE 2024 (THIS SATURDAY) (29th June 2-4pm) Please come & support us, as part of St John's Patronal Festival. Please, if you can, bake cakes for our cake stall & label with the ingredients. **If you can help set up on the day:**

Please come from 9am on Saturday to help put up the marquee & gazebos and put up bunting. There will be drinks & biscuits available and if you want to bring a packed lunch, you can stay & we can eat together before the fete opens at 2pm. Please pray that it is a good day, that people will come from our community & and enjoy what we have to offer & our warm welcome. Many thanks EVERYONE for your help and support nicky.gibbard@valebenefice.org.uk

GROVE CHURCH FETE DONATIONS: We would be very grateful if anything that is leftover after the Fete can be taken away again by our congregation members or taken to the Charity Shop straight after the event or in the **early part** of the next week as we have events and groups meeting in the Church buildings every day and we need to keep all areas clear. Thank you so much for your help with this.

GROVE CHURCH Hall Roof Repairs There is scaffolding up around the church and hall building 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.

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

Board Membership: Sue Parnell has resigned from the Board & the PCC have appointed Celia Terrill as the third Trustee from St John's along with Miranda Hawkins & Matthew Morgan. Please pray for them and all the board members.

Take Note: We have a new promotion running until the end of July. There is a leaflet showing all the offers on the noticeboard in St John's church foyer or come and browse the shelves. **Children's books:** This section has been updated and we have a number of books with a 10% discount. **Foodbank and Children's clothes bank:** Remember we are a collection point for both.

GROVE PCC MEETING is on Tuesday 2nd July (7.30pm) at Cornerstone, Grove.
WANTAGE & GROVE STREET PASTORS AGM Tuesday 2nd July (7.45pm) at Holy Trinity Church, Charlton.

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

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



LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 89,90,101	1 Samuel 1.1-20	Luke 19.28-40
Tue	Psalm 106	1 Samuel 1.21-2.11	Luke 19.41-end
Wed	Psalm 92,146	2 Samuel 15.17-21	John 11.1-16
Thu	Psalm 113,115	1 Samuel 2.27-end	Luke 20.9-19
Fri	Psalm 139	1 Samuel 3.1-4.1a	Luke 20.20-26
Sat	Psalm 120,121,122	1 Samuel 4.1b-end	Luke 20.27-40

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: Josephine (Josie) Lambie, Anne Venners, Heather Hughes, Mary Rowlands, Nora Johnson and Gerald Belcher

Our Benefice Churches' Parish Reps

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

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