

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 8th July)

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall (Fire Engine on site)
	10am	U3A Genealogy Group, Lower St John's Room
	12.45pm	GroW Babies Group, St John's Church Hall
	1.30pm	U3A Committee Meeting, 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
Wed	2pm	U3A Film Meeting, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
	9.15am	St John's Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	1pm	Wellington Gate Collaboration Meeting, Lower St John's Room
Thu	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	7pm	Jungle Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness Exercise Class, St John's Church Hall
	11am	Funeral (T/L: Anne Venners), St Nicholas Church, E. Challow
Fri	2pm	Grove School, 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
Sat	2pm	U3A Yarn Group, Lower St John's Room
	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Cornerstone Café, Grove
	9am	St John's Church Spring Clean "Work Party", all buildings
	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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ITEMS for the NEWSLETTER: news@valebenefice.org.uk

PRAYER REQUESTS prayer@valebenefice.org.uk

VALE BENEFICE NEWSLETTER



7th July 2024

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from:

Psalm 123; Ezekiel 2.1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

We can thank God that the first half of the process of seeking our next vicar is complete, and be grateful to the hard work of our parish reps. It's quite a few weeks before the advert goes out. It's tempting for us all to think there's nothing more for us all to do. But there is! Luke wrote, "Jesus spoke also a parable to them, that we ought always to pray and not to faint." It's a sign of our trust. As the psalm puts it, "as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God." Let's do it.

Our Shared Worship

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
4pm Visitation Service at Dorchester Abbey
6pm Evening Worship, St John's, Grove

Upcoming Services

Sunday 14th July

8am **Morning Prayer**, St John's, Grove - Sarah Shackleton (LLM)
9am Holy Communion, St James', Denchworth - Rev Peter Rich
9.30am Parish Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Velma Oxley
10.15am Morning Worship, St John's, Grove - Sarah Shackleton (LLM)
11am Parish Eucharist, St Nicholas', East Challow - Rev Alec Gill
6pm **Evening Communion**, St John's, Grove - Rev Peter Rich

BENEFICE NEWS

REMINDERS:

FRIENDS on FRIDAY: Strawberry Tea THIS 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.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP Meeting on Sunday 7th June in the Lower St John's Room (3pm – 4.30pm) All Welcome.

THANK YOU! I would like to thank everyone for the love and generosity shown on my forthcoming retirement as Licensed Lay Minister in the Vale Benefice and the recognition of my years service on the PCC at St John's. My last service as LLM will be Morning Worship on the 28th of July. God bless you all. Many thanks, Sue.

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. The 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 Midweek Holy Communion service at St Nicholas, East Challow on Thursday 11th July. There will be NO 10am Midweek Services in our Benefice Churches in August. Starting again at Grove Church on 4th September.

6pm Holy Communion Service at St John's Church, Grove: Rev Peter Rich will lead a Holy Communion service at St John's at 6pm on Sunday 14th July.

DENCHWORTH CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES will be **at 10am starting in August.**

CONGRATULATIONS & best wishes to Mary Mawdesley, who celebrated her 80th birthday this week. Mary very kindly donated this week's flower pedestal to mark her special occasion. If anyone else wishes to celebrate in this way, please contact Wendy on 764345 or Carol on 767796. Many thanks, Carol Doughty.

CATRIONA KARNEY – Lifetime of Quilting, Embroidery and Crafting Exhibition and Sale: Catriona, a much-loved member of the parish who died last December was an incredibly industrious sewer, creating some stunning quilts and pieces of embroidery. There will be an exhibition and sale of her work in Hanney War Memorial Hall, East Hanney on 3rd and 4th August from 10am - 4pm. The sale will also include Catriona's books, patterns, fabrics, threads and so much more. All funds raised will be donated to Myeloma UK, a cancer research charity.

If you have any bits and pieces (fabrics, threads, books – doesn't matter is partially used) from crafting, quilting and embroidery projects, that may have built up over years and would like to donate them to the sale, to help raise even more funds for Myeloma UK, then please contact Helen Cavendish (helencavendish@googlemail.com) to arrange collection.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP We meet this Sunday, 7th July, from 3-4.30pm in the St John's Rooms for an informal get-together.

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.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH SUMMER FETE 2024

Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way with the fete, from setting up, delivering flyers, running stalls, and helping clear up. We had a wonderful day, with many visitors from our community, including some who had come directly as a result of receiving a flyer. It was a lovely and welcoming atmosphere, and we had positive feedback from people on the day. We also raised approximately £1400 which can be used to improve and maintain our church building so we can continue to welcome and receive more people into our lovely church. Thankyou, Nicky

P.S. ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE is on the 30th of November - more about that nearer the time!

NO BENEFICE NEWSLETTER on 11th 18th, 25th August and on 1st September 2024.

BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSED from Friday 23rd August – Thursday 5th September 2024.

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

Board Membership: The PCC have appointed Celia Terrill, Miranda Hawkins & Matthew Morgan as trustees from St John's church. 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.

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

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 123-126	1 Samuel 5	Luke 20.41-21.4
Tue	Psalm 132,133	1 Samuel 6.1-16	Luke 21.5-19
Wed	Psalm 119.153-end	1 Samuel 7	Luke 21.20-28
Thu	Psalm 143,146	1 Samuel 8	Luke 21.29-end
Fri	Psalm 142,144	1 Samuel 9.1-14	Luke 22.1-13
Sat	Psalm 147	1 Samuel 9.15-10.1	Luke 22.14-23

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 Hardwell Close, Nobles Close and Harlington Avenue in Grove; Summertown in East Hanney; Rectory Farm Close in West Hanney; Reynolds Way in East Challow.