

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Mon	Psalm 30,32,150	1 Samuel 16.14-end	Luke 8.1-3
Tue	Psalm 32,36	1 Samuel 15.1-23	Luke 23.26-43
Wed	Psalm 34	1 Samuel 16	Luke 23.44-56a
Thu	Psalm 7,29,117	2 Kings 1.9-15	Luke 9.46-56
Fri	Psalm 31	1 Samuel 17.31-54	Luke 24.13-35
Sat	Psalm 41,42,43	1 Samuel 17.55-18.16	Luke 24.36-end

DIARY FOR THE WEEK (Starting on Monday 22nd July)

Mon	10am	GroW Toddler Group, St John's Church Hall
	10am	U3A Science 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	10am	Simply Singing Group, Lower St John's Room
	9.15/30am	Grove CE School Leavers Service, St John's Church
	7pm	2 nd Grove Guides, St John's Church Hall
DENCHWORTH CHURCH PCC MEETING		
Wed	9.30am	St James School, Hanney, Service in church
	2pm	Ancients' Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
	2pm	WGCP Leaders Meeting, Lower St John's Room
	7pm	Jungle Konga Fitness Class, St John's Church Hall
	8pm	Vale Elim Meeting, Lower St John's Room
Thu	9.30am	Extend Your Fitness Exercise Class, St John's Church Hall
	9.30am	St Nicholas School, Challow, Service in church
	8pm	St John's Badminton Group, St John's Church Hall
Sat	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Frances Gillott's house, Grove
	9.30am	Private Booking, St John's Church Hall

Church services for the Benefice are written on the front of this news sheet.

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21st July 2024

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Readings selected from:

Psalm 23; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Our readings carry a lot of comfort this week focusing on Jesus having compassion on the crowd of 5000+ and feeding them. It's an incident all four gospels describe and must have made a great impression on James, one of the first apostles – and the first to be killed for Christ. Paul reminds us that we too are "citizens with the saints and members of the household of God". May we be as faithful to the good Shepherd as James was – to the end of our lives.

Our Shared Worship

Sunday 21st July
St James the Apostle

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill
9am St James', Denchworth - No service
9.30am Patronal Festival Eucharist, St James', Hanney - Rev Alec Gill
10.15am St John's, Grove - No service
11am St Nicholas', East Challow – No service

Upcoming Services

Sunday 28th July

8am Holy Communion, St John's, Grove - Rev Alec Gill
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 Patronal Festival Service, St James', Denchworth - Rev Alec Gill
(Preacher: Ven David Tyler)

BENEFICE NEWS

REMINDERS:

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP Our last meeting before September is a social one **THIS Thursday 18th July** at 8 Broadmarsh Close at 2.00pm.

FRIENDS ON FRIDAY (HOLY COMMUNION) THIS Friday 19th July (2pm)

GROVE CE SCHOOL FAMILY DISCO THIS Friday 19th July (6pm – 8pm) in the St John's Church Hall (book tickets through the PTA at Grove School)

ST JOHN'S "TEA PARTY" THIS Saturday 20th July (2pm to 3pm) in Cornerstone Café. Everyone is welcome!

BOARDGAMES AFTERNOON THIS Sunday 21st July (2pm – 5pm) in the St John's Church Hall. All Welcome.

ST JOHN'S SUMMER CLEAN A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Summer Clean at St John's on 13th July.

BENEFICE MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES: There will be NO 10am Midweek Services in our Benefice Churches in August.

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

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

BENEFICE OFFICE CLOSED on 12th August and from Friday 23rd August – Thursday 5th September 2024.

THANK YOU for all your prayers & kind support for Gemma. Please do continue to pray for her ongoing recovery. We are very grateful for your support. Alec & Gemma Gill.

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.

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE is on the 30th of November – Save the date!

CLEAN JAM JARS! Available for anyone who wants them. Please contact Frances Gillott on 01235 763554. Will need to collect.

ST JOHN'S THURSDAY BADMINTON GROUP will continue weekly through August.

CORNERSTONE NEWS Email: office@cornerstonegrove.org.uk Tel: 772280
The Cornerstone is a Christian Bookshop and Café, in Saville Way near the Co Op, serving the community run by the four churches in Grove, including St John's Church.

Board Membership: Miranda Hawkins has been elected Chair of the Board and Celia Terrill and Matt Morgan are the additional 2 trustees from St John's. Please pray for them and all the board members.

Volunteering: We are always keen to welcome new volunteers to contribute to the mission of the Cornerstone. We need help with taking orders, serving food, washing up and being on the till. This can be for 1 or 2 hours a month or more often if you would like on any day from Monday through to Saturday. We also have young people volunteering as part of their D of E. If you would like to know more, please speak with the trustees listed above or contact the Cornerstone directly using details below.

Books: we have a new promotion running until the end of July. There is a "Take Note" leaflet showing all the offers on the noticeboard in St John's church foyer or come and browse the shelves. **The Children's books** section has been recently 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 these.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE at your local library (6th July - 7th September 2024). For more info: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries / www.summerreadingchallenge.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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Health & healing (short term): Susanne C, 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

Those having their Banns of Marriage read in our Benefice Churches

Those getting Married in our Benefice Churches

Those living in: The Croft in West Hanney; Hawthorn Crescent, Mill Lane and Howard Avenue in Grove; Hedge Hill Road in East Challow; Brook Lane in Denchworth