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Newbury Deanery Prayer Cycle

Walbury Beacon

Mark Wilson, Tim Wood,
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St. Mary Hamstead Marshall,
St. Laurence West Woodhay
St. Mary the Virgin Kintbury with Avington

Prayers

Thankful for the commitment and service of all, let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as St James, Eastbury and All Saints, East Garston seek to appoint new church wardens. Help us in all things to honour your kingdom, and to carry out your will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The prayer list for the sick is updated the first week of each month. Please let me know if you, or someone you have referred would like to remain on our prayer list for March. Thanks for your help.

The sick: We continue to pray for those suffering from the Virus, and for Medical and Health Services around the world. Charmaine Pike, Maureen Leppard, Rosemary Blake, Pauline Ilott, David Taylor, Tony Stewart-Smythe, Stephen Morgan, George Kendall, Bryan Marchant, Caroline, Mary Gilliver, and Gillian Gunner.

The Recently Departed: Cary Smallhorn, Paul Blockley, Gwyneth Morgan, John Crone, David Ashplant.

Notices & Diary Dates

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings will be held on Monday April 20th at 7.30pm in Lambourn, on Wednesday April 22nd at 7.00pm in Eastbury, and on Monday May 11th at 7.30pm in East Garston. Each will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens. Please see the official notice in each church.

Have you wondered about being confirmed or what it means? There will be a confirmation service in St Michael and All Angels on Monday May 18th at 7.30 pm. Please speak to Julie or Christine if you'd like to know more.

Please send items for inclusion in the Lambourn Valley Welcome by 4.00pm on Wednesday at the latest to (Please start Subject Line with VW):
welcome@lambourn-valley-benefice.website

Lambourn Valley

Welcome

St James the Greater Eastbury
All Saints East Garston
St Michael & All Angels Lambourn

Sunday 15th March 2020

Lent 3

**Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ,
especially to any visitors amongst us.**

We are a Church family committed to welcoming all those who come as God's precious and beloved child, whatever their age or race, sexuality or experience, background or confidence in Church.

Please tell the priest if you need a gluten free wafer. If you'd prefer to receive a prayer of blessing, please come forward with everyone else and keep your head bowed at the rail.

'... **those who drink** of the water I give them will never thirst'

The Week Ahead

Today 15th March

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) (Said), St Michael's
9.30am Family Communion, St James
11.00am All Together Eucharist, St Michael's

Monday 16th March

8.30am Morning Prayer, St Michael's
10.00am Parent & Toddlers, St Michael's
1.30 – 3.30pm Food Bank, Sacred Heart Hall
2.00pm Lent group @ Christine's home
7.30pm PCC Meeting, Lambourn Library

Tuesday 17th March

8.30am Morning Prayer, St Michael's
10.30-12.00 noon Coffee Pot Café, St James
11.00am Funeral of David Ashplant RIP, St Michael's

Wednesday 18th March

8.30am Morning Prayer, St Michael's
11.30am Holy Communion, Harris Close
7.30pm Lent Group @ The Vicarage

Thursday 19th March

8.00pm Good Friday Concert practice, St Michael's

Friday 20th March

8.30am Morning Prayer, St Michael's
10.15-10.45am First Steps, St Michael's
12 noon – 1.00pm Quiet Time, St Michael's
7.00pm Choir practice, St Michael's

Saturday 21st March

8.30am Morning Prayer, St Michael's
8.45am Lent group @ St James with breakfast
10.30-12.00 Preparing for Mothering Sunday, St Michael's

Next Sunday 22nd March 2020

Lent 4

Mothering Sunday

10.30am All Age Mothering Sunday Eucharist, St Michael's
10.30am Mothering Sunday service, St James
12.00 noon Mothering Sunday service, All Saints

Readings: Colossians 3:12-17, John 19:25b-27

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QUIET TIME in Lambourn Parish Church 12 noon to 1 pm. This Friday. The sound of silence. Experience something different. Sample a time of silence. Join us and chill out for a few minutes or a whole hour doing nothing! ALL WELCOME.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he
suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Short Collect

Eternal God, give us insight
to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4:5-26

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman

said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Post Communion Collect

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices & Diary Dates

At this time please could we all think about how we can support those around us, especially the vulnerable. Let's try not to spread fear but rather be a friendly voice. I can do no better than echo some thoughts from Olivia about how we should be . . .

Calm: the opposite will lead us to do things which might impact seriously on others – like panic buying. **Caring:** those who self-isolate, (those in high-risk groups, or who have been in contact with the virus) need to know that we care about them. Phone calls, messages, letters, cards, food left on the doorstep are all signs that we care. **Considerate:** let's look out for one another, and act collectively to prevent the spread. It isn't just about me, it's about us, and of course, **Christ-like:** let's live hopefully, love generously and pray earnestly – and let's bless each other by the way we behave.

Lent groups @ Christine's and @ The Vicarage please bring a Bible this week. The Lent breakfast group @ Eastbury please bring a sealed envelope with you.

In light of advice from the Diocese, we are taking all possible steps to maintain a healthy environment, to provide appropriate pastoral and practical support and to minimize risk to life. This means receiving Communion in one kind only. The Church has always taught that to receive Holy Communion in one kind, is to spiritually receive in both. Please follow good hygiene practices using tissues and hand washing. Please refrain from handshaking during The Peace. We will be using signing and smiling at one another.

Mothering Sunday preparations – Join us on Saturday March 21st 10.30am-12.00. Reflection time till 10.45am, prayer, posies, card making, planting seeds and refreshments.