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## Prayers for People

**We continue to pray for:** Robert Jefferys, Monica Eyre, Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Sarah Brooks, Rev'd Tony Cumberlidge, Freda Scate, Rose Sasin, Rev'd Bill Stewart and Beth Furneaux .

## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Shaw cum Donnington

Marion Wood  
St. Mary Shaw cum Donnington

## Notices & Diary Dates

**Congratulations to** Malcolm Rolfe and Bruce Laurie elected as churchwardens for St Michael & All Angels Lambourn and to Dennis Allsopp who continues as Deanery Synod Member where he is joined by Bruce Laurie who was elected to complete Lydia Morey's term of office on Newbury Deanery Synod; and to Richard Breese, Chris Couch, Brian Fletcher, Jon Flemming, Susan Holmes, Amanda Marchant, Moya Tong and Paul Wise who form the PCC for 2015. Thanks for their service to those standing down Lydia Morey, Val Osmond and Tessa Rushforth.

The date for our annual Church Fete is Sunday 21st June. As you know for the Fete to be successful we need plenty of visitors but more importantly we need as many helpers on the day as possible. Can you help run a stall, sell raffle tickets, provide bottles for the bottle stall, help with the set up of Gazebos and stalls. If you can Chris Couch will be delighted to hear from you so please volunteer your help which will be much appreciated. Thanks

**Please send items for inclusion in the Lambourn Valley Welcome by 4.00pm on Wednesday at the latest to both: (Please start Subject Line with VW)**  
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## Lambourn Valley Welcome

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Welcome to everyone!**

**We are glad to have you join us  
as we worship God in this church.**

## The Week Ahead

### Today:

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury  
10.00am Confirmation St Nic's Newbury  
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn

### Wednesday:

2.00pm Rural Clergy Group Gt Shefford

### Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

**Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am Family Communion East Garston  
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

### Readings

Acts 10:44 - 48; 1 John 5:1 - 6;  
John 15:9 - 17

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**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**Ascension Day**

7.30pm Sung Eucharist Lambourn

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**Songs for a spring evening**

7pm- St Michael and All Angels' Church,  
Lambourn

Katie Minien (mezzo-soprano) and Susan Holmes (piano) will be performing a varied selection of songs, ranging from Schubert to Sondheim. With favourite classics and a touch of musical theatre, this is an evening for everyone to enjoy. Tickets £9, concessions £6, include interval refreshments. Proceeds will go to Church funds and Cancer Research UK.

**Please pray for** Thomas Coleman being baptised and confirmed at St Nicolas Newbury today

# The Prayers and Readings for Today



## 1 John 4:7 - 21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## John 15:1 - 8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

## Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## The Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of  
everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into  
our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## The Short Collect

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Acts 8:26 - 40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.