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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Robert Jefferys, Monica Eyre, Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Sarah Brooks, Rose Sasin, Rev'd Bill Stewart, Beth Furneaux, Sylvia Biswell, Malcolm Rolfe, Pearl Smailes and Jonathan & Helene Haw.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

West Downland Benefice

John Townend, Mary Harwood.
St. Andrew Chaddleworth, All Saints Brightwalton
St. James Leckhampstead, St. Mary Fawley,
St. Swithin Wickham, St. Gregory Welford, St. Mary
Great Shefford, St. Stephen Shefford Woodlands.

Notices & Diary Dates

Lambourn Church Works

The toilets are fully functional and have been used at recent weddings and funerals. Painting and decorating continues and the servery units will be being installed.

Eastbury St James

Following the underpinning of the chimney we are now confident that this project is back on schedule.

Lydia Morey

Lydia starts training for the ordained ministry at Ridley Hall Cambridge in September. We will say farewell to her on 13th September at St Michaels and All Saints. If you would like to contribute to a token gift please give your contribution to Martin or a churchwarden.

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 6th September 2015

Trinity Fourteen

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
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn

Tuesday:

12.00 Funeral & Burial Mrs Hilda May Deacon
Lambourn

Thursday:

1.10pm Organ Recital St Nic's Newbury
2.30pm Funeral Mrs Margaret Kenneally All Saints
Church East Garston.

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 13th September 2015
Trinity Fifteenth

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn
12.30pm Baptism Miss Amelia Mary Chapman East
Garston

Readings

Proverbs 1:20 - 33; James 3:1 - 12
Mark 8:27 - 38.

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Thursday 10th September Lunchtime Organ Recital
1.10pm Dr Stephen Holmes @ St Nic's Newbury

World War II exhibition

Thanks and congratulations to those who worked so hard to make this exhibition so successful.

Carnival

Congratulations to the Churches Together float team's "We plough the fields and scatter" float which won the voluntary organisations float category at the Lambourn Carnival. The effort involved was much appreciated and well worth while.

The Berkshire Churches Trust Ride and Stride

sponsored walk or cycle day, formerly CROW, is Saturday, 12th September. Please speak to Tessa if you wish to take part, otherwise please speak to Tessa to offer to sponsor those taking part! Thank you.

The Prayers and Readings for Today



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

Short Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.
The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.
Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.
Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.
Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

James 2:1 - 17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your

neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7:24 - 37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.