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## Prayers for People

**We continue to pray for:** Robert Jefferys, Monica Eyre, Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Sarah Brooks, Rose Sasin, Beth Furneaux, Sylvia Biswell, Jonathan & Helene Haw, June East and Rose Stewart-Smythe and pray for family and friends of Donald Neale.

## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### East Downland Benefice

John Toogood, Denise Brown, Douglas Dales  
All Saints West Ilsley, All Saints Farnborough, St. Nicholas Beedon, St. Barnabas Peasemore, St. Mary Chieveley  
St. James the Less Winterbourne, St. Bartholomew Oare  
St. Andrew Boxford, St. John Stockcross

## Notices & Diary Dates

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 7.30pm Lambourn Church

#### Issues in today's world - issues for today's church.

An opportunity to discuss informally the issue of "Assisted Dying". All welcome.

### 4th December 5-8pm Open Church- Fair on Square

We aim to have a gift stall, Christmas Hamper Raffle, refreshments, Lambourn Chimers at 6.15 and Burbage Signing Choir at 6.45.

We need donations for the gift stall or a food item towards the Christmas Hamper Raffle, please contact Sandra Fletcher if you can help, and of course your support on the evening.

### Carol singing 2015

Saturday 12th December Lambourn  
Tuesday 14th December Eastbury  
Wednesday 15th December Lambourn  
Thursday 16th December Lambourn  
Monday 20th December East Garston

**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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### Advent Sunday

**Welcome to everyone!**

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

## The Week Ahead

### Today:

10.30am Group Communion Lambourn  
3.00pm Shoe Box Service Lambourn Methodist  
4.30pm Dedication Service Eastbury

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn  
7.30pm PCC East Garston

### Tuesday:

7.30pm Advent Discussion Group Lambourn

### Thursday:

2.00pm Funeral Mr Dick Townsend Lambourn  
8.00pm Christmas Unwrapped St Nics Newbury

### Friday:

10.00am Reception Class Service Lambourn  
5.00pm Fair on the Square - Open Church Lambourn

## Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Advent 2

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury  
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn  
3.00pm Christingle Lambourn

### Readings

Malachi 3:1 - 4; Philippians 1:3 - 11;  
Luke 3:1 - 6.

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### Thursday 3rd December 8.00pm Christmas Unwrapped.

Evangelist, author and broadcaster, Canon J. John is coming to Newbury. This Christmas evangelistic event at St Nicolas' Church starts at 8pm. The admission is free of charge and no booking is required. J. John has a remarkable gift for communicating the in an engaging, stimulating and practical way. His passion for story-telling enables him to bring the gospel to life in a fresh and contemporary manner, moving listeners from laughter to profound reflection with just a few words. Please think and pray about who you might want to bring to this special evening. For more information and printed invitations please contact Philippe Chapel (Mobile: 07768 994 662 - Email: [chapel.philippe@gmail.com](mailto:chapel.philippe@gmail.com)).

**Saturday 12th December 10.00am to 12.30pm  
Advent quiet morning Lambourn**

# The Prayers and Readings for Today



## Luke 21:25 - 36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

## The Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great  
humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to  
judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Short Collect

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness, that we may be ready  
to meet you in our Lord and Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.

## Jeremiah 33:14 – 16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9 – 13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Notices & Diary Dates

### Dear everyone,

Just to let you know that I am getting on okay at Ridley. We have quite a busy schedule, but I have settled well into my placement church; study-wise (predictably perhaps) my favourite subject is Hebrew. I can't believe how fast the term is flying by. With thanks for your continued prayer and support,

Lydia

**Lambourn's Christingle** service is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm. Christingle preparation will take place in church at 9.30am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you can help with this you will be most welcome and it should only take about 1 hour.

The School Choir will again be with us, along with the other children from our school, so we need some stewards to help guide and direct the children and to help light the Christingles. If you can help please speak with Brian Fletcher. If you are a Children's Society box holder please bring it along to the service to be opened and counted.

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