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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, Jonathan & Helene Haw, June East, Rose Stewart-Smythe.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Walbury Beacon

Rachel Lewis, Matthew Cookson, Sue Webster
St. Michael Inkpen, St. Swithin Combe, St. Michael Enborne
St. Mary Hamstead Marshall, St. Laurence West Woodhay
St. Mary the Virgin Kintbury with Avington

Hungerford with Denford

Andrew Sawyer, LLM Michael Morecroft
St. Lawrence Hungerford

The Collect for 27th December 2015

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed
apostle and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that the Word made flesh
proclaimed by your apostle John
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,
ever abide and live within us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 20th December 2015

Advent 4

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

The Week Ahead

Today:

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn
9.30am Family Communion + Baptism Eastbury
Miss Cecily Theodora Elizabeth Lewis
11.00am Family Service/Nativity Lambourn
6.30pm Lessons & Carol Service Lambourn

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
7.00pm Carol Singing Queen's Arms East Garston

Wednesday:

2.30pm Funeral Mrs Sylvia Biswell at Reading
Crematorium

Thursday Christmas Eve:

4.00pm Crib Service Eastbury
11.00pm Christmas Eucharist Lambourn

Christmas Day:

9.00am Christmas Communion East Garston
10.30am Christmas Communion Eastbury
10.30am Christmas Communion Lambourn

Next Sunday 27th December 2015 Saint John the Evangelist

10.30am Group Communion Lambourn

Readings

Exodus 33:7 - 11a; 1 John 1
John 21:19b - 25

Monday 28th

9.30am Prayers Lambourn

Tuesday 29th

12.00 Funeral Mr James Wayman East Garston

Sunday 3rd January 2016 Christmas 2

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Jeremiah 31:7 - 14; Ephesians 1:3 - 14
John 1: 10 - 18

Epiphany Wednesday 6th January

7.30pm Holy Communion Lambourn

The Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Short Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Micah 5:2 - 5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the
Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.
If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

Hebrews 10:5 - 10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and
sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he
added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first
in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we
have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39 - 55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean
town in the hill country, where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's
greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled
with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are
you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And
why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord
comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your
greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she
who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was
spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 33:7 - 11a

Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp,
far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And
everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of
meeting, which was outside the camp. Whenever Moses went
out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of
them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he
had gone into the tent. When Moses entered the tent, the pillar
of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent,
and the Lord would speak with Moses. When all the people saw
the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the
people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of
their tents. Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face,
as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp;
but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave
the tent.

1 John 1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have
heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked
at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and
declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was
revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and
heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly
our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to
you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If
we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in
darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in
the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with
one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from
all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is
faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make
him a liar, and his word is not in us.

John 21:19b -25

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would
glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following
them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the
supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray
you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about
him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I
come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in
the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not
say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he
remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has
written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there
are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them
were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not
contain the books that would be written.