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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, Rene Rookes and Sylvia Ricketts.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Hermitage

Rita Ball, Luci Heyn, Meg Kirby, Simon Thorn
LLM Wendy Willoughby-Paul, Cathy Hawkins, Margaret Fisher
Holy Trinity Hermitage, St. Mark Cold Ash
St. Mary Hampstead Norreys, Ss. Peter and Paul Yattendon,
St. Frideswide Frilsham, St. Mary and St. Nicholas Compton,
St. Mary East Ilsley

Notices & Diary Dates

I am pleased to advise you that we have managed to raise the following amounts for The Children's Society during December. £302.93 at our Christingle on the 6th December. There will be some Gift Aid funds in addition, which will be claimed by the society.

Thanks to our loyal band of Carol Singers who managed to collect £302.00 over three nights half of which has been sent to the Children's Society and the remaining £151.00 will be used to meet our church's day to day running costs.

If you have Coca Cola and other fizzy drinks cans, not Pepsicola, Please rinse and pass them on to Tessa (Rushforth) who will pass them onto someone to sell the metal and use the money for a good cause.

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 3rd January 2016 Christmas 2

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

Wednesday:

11.30am Funeral Mrs Rose Pamela Perry Lambourn
7.30pm Epiphany Communion Lambourn

Next Sunday 10th January 2016 Baptism of Christ

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Isaiah 43:1 - 7; Acts 8:14 - 17;
Luke 3:15 -17, 21 - 22

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Taize style service

On 31st January as well as our team service at Lambourn at 10.30am we will celebrate the presentation of Christ in the Temple (often called Candlemass) with a Taize style service at Eastbury at 6.30pm

Lent 2016

Lent is very early this year, Ash Wednesday being the 10th February. We are hoping to run housegroups looking at the US(formerly USPG)'s course Migration and Movement for five weeks during Lent. Sign up sheets will be available shortly but if you would like to host a group please let Martin know on martin_cawte@hotmail.com .

February 11th 2016

Bishop Andrew is coming to Lambourn on Thursday to open the new extension at Lambourn C ofE Primary School and our splendid new facilities at St Michael & All Angels. Please put the 5.00pm service in church to bless our toilets and servery in your diary.

The Prayers and Readings for Today



Ephesians 1:3 - 14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Short Collect

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Jeremiah 31:7 – 14

For thus says the Lord:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.
Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

John 1: 10 – 18

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.