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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, Rene Rookes, and Doreen Tosh.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Hungerford with Denford

Andrew Sawyer, LLM Michael Morecroft
St. Lawrence Hungerford

Notices & Diary Dates

Lent course 2016

Migration and Movement is clearly a hot topic of the moment and our US(PG) course provides a lot of useful information and different perspectives on what can seem a daunting problem.

We hope to establish four Lent groups each lasting five weeks:-

on Saturdays from 9.00am beginning 13th February at St James Eastbury (including breakfast)

on Mondays from 7.30pm beginning 15th February at Calyptus Cottage Newbury Road Lambourn

on Tuesdays from 7.30pm beginning 16th February at Lambsdown Front Street East Garston

on Wednesdays from 7.30pm beginning 17th February at Meridian House Lambourn

Please let Martin know by e-mail which group you would like to attend or sign up on the sheets provided in our churches.

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 24th January 2016 Epiphany 3

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

The Week Ahead

Today:

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
5.30pm Governing Body Lambourn CofE School
7.30pm PCC East Garston

Wednesday:

11.30am Funeral Mrs Edna Beswick Lambourn

Friday

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 31st January 2016 Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

10.30am Group Communion Service Lambourn
6.30pm Taize style service Eastbury

Readings

Malachi 3:1 - 5; Hebrews 2:14 - 18;
Luke 2:22 - 40

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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 Candlemas) with a Taize style service at Eastbury at 6.30pm

Sunday 7th February 2-30 to 5-30pm

Come and Sing Messiah in Wantage, with tea and Home-made cakes afterwards. £12-00 to sing, or listen, proceeds go to Cancer Research and Oxford Air Ambulance. See poster in Lambourn Church porch or speak to Tessa, 71551.

February 11th 2016

Bishop Andrew is coming to open the new school building at Lambourn Primary School with a service at the school at 2.45pm followed by a joint school parish reception from 3.30pm and a service at St Michael and All Angels to bless our new facilities at 5.00pm. Please ensure this is in your diary.

The Prayers and Readings for Today



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Nehemiah 8:1 -3, 5 -6, 8 – 10

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say,

'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.