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## **Prayers for People**

We continue to pray for: Robert Jefferys, Monica Eyre, Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Sarah Brooks, Beth Furneaux, Jonathan & Helene Haw, June East and George Fairchild.

# **Deanery Prayer Cycle**

#### **East Downland Benefice**

John Toogood, Denise Brown, Douglas Dales, William McDowell.

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**

## 5<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday Posy Making

We would appreciate donations of flowers and /or some help to make the Mothers Day posies on Saturday morning 5th March from 9.30am please contact Sandra Fletcher (72587) if you can help in any way.

#### **Confirmation 2016**

Congratulations to Jessica and Mollie Pritcoe Coates who are preparing for baptism and confirmation at Reading Minster on Saturday 26th March. The Newbury Deanery Confrmation will be on 24th May at a parish yet to be decided. If you know of someone who should be confirmed in 2016 please get in touch with Martin on 73920 or martin\_cawte@hotmail.com

#### Lambourn's post-service refreshments. Please

look at the notice which tells you where your kind donations went to last year, it will be up-dated. Also, thank you to all helpers, and please may we have a few more! There is a rota to put your name on. **Tessa** 

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 28th February 2016
Third Sunday of Lent
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

7.30pm Lent Group Calyptus Cottage Lambourn

7.30pm PCC Lambourn

#### Tuesday

7.30pm Lent Group Lambsdown East Garston

#### Wednesday:

7.30pm Lent Group Meridian House Lambourn

#### Friday:

10.00am Reception Class Service Lambourn 7.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer Sacred Heart Lambourn

#### Saturday:

9.00am Lent Group St James Eastbury

# Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn
10.30am Family Service Eastbury
12.00 Family Service East Garston
3.00pm Family Service Lambourn

#### Readings

Exodus 2:1 -10; Colossians 3:12 - 17; John 19:25b - 27

## **Notices & Diary Dates**

## 4th March Women's World Day of Prayer

This service will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Church of the Sacred Heart and the theme is Receive children. Receive me. The service has been prepared by the women of Cuba.

### 20th March Palm Sunday

Services of the word will be held at Lambourn and East Garston on this morning at 9.30am and at 10.00am the two congregations will set off for Eatsbury, where we will meet to celebrate the Eucharist from 10.45am. Return transport will be offered to any who walk to Eastbury. There is no 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Service this morning.

# The Prayers and Readings for Today



# The Collect for Today

Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Isaiah 55:1 - 9 Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is

not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you.

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

## 1 Corinthians 10:1 - 11

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

## Luke 13:1 - 9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God:

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

and my thoughts than your thoughts.