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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Robert Jefferys, Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Sarah Brooks, Helene Haw, June East, Kath Petty, George Fairchild and Rev'd Bill Stewart.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Shaw cum Donnington

Marion Wood
St. Mary Shaw cum Donnington

Notices & Diary Dates

Corrected:-

East Garston

Congratulations to Bob Briant and Dawn Tonge elected as Church wardens of All Saints East Garston at the APCM on Monday 18th April. Dawn will take up her office at the Episcopal Visitation at St Nic's Newbury on 23rd May. Also to Rachel Brown, Vikki Brooks, Thomas Coleman, Roland Cobbald, Annette Furneaux, Ann Phillips and Karen Sperrey elected as members of the PCC.

Eastbury

Congratulations to Paul Reynolds and Merrita Jones elected as church wardens of St James Eastbury at the APCM on Tuesday 19th April. Also to Fiona Drake, Tessa Partridge, James Potter and Jenny Powell elected as PCC members. Deborah Phillips continues as Deanery Synod representative and therefore a member of the PCC and Sarah Blundell has been co-opted with a view to becoming a member of the PCC when she has been on the electoral roll for six months.

Lambourn

Congratulations to Malcolm Rolfe and Bruce Laurie elected as church wardens of St Michael & All Angels Lambourn at the APCM on Monday 25th April. Also to the other members of the PCC, Dr Dennis Allsopp, Mr Richard Breese, Mrs Chris Couch, Mr Jon Flemming, Mr Brian Fletcher, Miss Susan Holmes, Mrs Ruth Honey, Mrs Amanda Marchant, Mrs Moya Tong, Mr Paul Wise. There remains one vacancy for a PCC member.

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 1st May 2016

6th Sunday of Easter

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 and Baptism of
Mia and Grace Mooney Lambourn

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn

Wednesday:

12.45pm Funeral Mrs Ros Washington
West Berkshire Crematorium
2.00pm Memorial Service Mrs Ros Washington
Lambourn

Thursday Ascension Day:

1.00pm Funeral Mr Neil Fraser Lambourn
7.30pm Holy Communion Lambourn

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn
2.30pm Funeral Baby Liam Paul Meehan
Lambourn

Next Sunday 8th May 2016 7th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Acts 16:16 - 34; Revelation 22: 12 - 14, 16 - 17, 20 - 21;
John 17:20 - 26.

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14th May 2016 Prayer walk –

10.30am /11.00am Saturday

In response to the request of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York we are organising a prayer walk in Pentecost week starting at Meridian House and walking up Greenways to a point where we can see along the valley to Eastbury and the edges of East Garston. We will pray for the whole valley, from this magnificent vantage point. Do come and join in. If you would like to walk from the Church, we will meet at 10.30 in the square. If you would like to park at Meridian and walk from there please arrive by 11.00 am.

24th May Confirmation

The Newbury Deanery Confirmation at Compton.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to
eternal joy;
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

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 16:9 – 15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his

name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

John 14:23 – 29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Lambourn Methodist Church

It is with considerable sadness that I report that we have been notified by Deacon Shirley Mackintosh that:-

"After prayerful consideration, and with due regard to falling numbers, the average age of the congregation and the lack of people to manage all the work needed just to maintain the current situation, we have reluctantly decided to close the building (ie Lambourn Methodist Church and Hall), with a celebration service to be planned for Sunday 26 June, probably at 4pm – details to be confirmed.

At present, it looks likely that Lambourn MC will meet in the Memorial Hall, possibly once a month in the afternoon, but that may change after further discussion. We will, of course keep you up to date with developments. We are very grateful for the kind invitation from St Michael's PCC to join them in worship, or to use the church at another time, this is something that we are holding for further consideration.

Please pray for our Christian neighbours at this difficult time.

We will seek to ensure that valuable work like the Mothers and Toddlers Group are able to be sustained.
