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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 and Rev'd Bill Stewart.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

East Downland

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

West Downland Benefice

John Townend, Mary Harwood St. Andrew Chaddleworth, All Saints Brightwalton, St. James Leckhampstead, St. Mary Fawley, St Swithin Wickham, St. Gregory Welford, St. Mary Great Shefford, St. Stephen Shefford Woodlands

Notices & Diary Dates

Sunday 5th June

Picnic in the Park to celebrate the Queen's

90th Birthday. Thanks to the Lambourn Festival Committee, in association with the Sports Club and the Lambourn Parish Council, there will be an opportunity for this community to come together to celebrate this happy event at the Sports Club starting at 12.30pm. See full details on the Village Website and posters. Fancy dress is encouraged but not compulsory so come along and join the Church's picnic if you can. Entry is **Free** so all you need is a rug or camping chair to sit on and your sandwiches (with crusts taken off of course) and refreshments. Anyone with a gazebo they can bring will be greatly appreciated.

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 29th May 2016 First Sunday after Trinity

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

The Week Ahead

Today:

10.30am Group Communion Eastbury

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn

Next Sunday 5th June 2016 Second Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury

10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

1 Kings 17:8 -24; Galatians 1:11 - 24;
Luke 7:11 - 17.

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn

Thursday:

12.45pm Funeral Mr William Keith Witcombe
@ Swindon Crematorium

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Saturday:

1.00pm Wedding Mr Samuel Duddell & Miss Rhiannon Jones
Lambourn

Sunday 12th June 2016 A celebration of Her Majesty's 90th year

9.00am Family Communion East Garston

10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

1 Kings 21:1b -10, 15 - 21a; Galatians 2:15 - 21;
Luke 10:25 - 37.

Notices & Diary Dates

12th June Lambourn Church Fete 2.30 pm

Your social committee are busy arranging our annual Church Fete which will be on Sunday 12th June 2-30-5pm. Please can you put this important fund raising day in your diary. We need lots of able bodied helpers to erect the Gazebos in the morning, or any donations of cakes / plants / bottles or raffle prizes for the relevant stalls would be most welcome. Please speak to Chris Couch or a social committee member if you are able to help in any way.

Prayers and Readings

The Collect for Today



O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.

1 Kings 18:20 – 39

So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, 'How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.' The people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, 'I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets number four hundred and fifty. Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the Lord; the god who answers by fire is indeed God.' All the people answered, 'Well spoken!' Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, 'Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it.' So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, 'O Baal, answer us!' But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, 'Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.' Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response.

Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come closer to me'; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down; Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, 'Israel shall be your name'; with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, 'Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt-offering and on the wood.' Then he said, 'Do it a second time'; and they did it a second time. Again he said, 'Do it a third time'; and they did it a third time, so that the water ran all round the altar, and filled the trench also with water.

At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, 'O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.' Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt-offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, 'The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God.'

Galatians 1:1 – 12

Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the members of God's family who are with me,
To the churches of Galatia:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from
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the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Luke 7:1b - 10

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for 5th June 2016

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
