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Prayers for People

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

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Thatcham

Mark Bennet, Marion Fontaine, Alec Gill,
Pat Jones, and Brenda Harland
St. Mary Thatcham, St. Barnabas Thatcham

Notices & Diary Dates

Welcome Eucharist for the Bishop of Oxford

All are invited to Reading Minster on Wednesday 5th October at 7.45pm when Bishop Steven Croft will preside and preach. His full letter is on our website: lambourn-valley-benefice.website

Holidays

Martin & Jill are on leave from 28th July to 11th August. Please refer any pastoral needs to the Ven Christine Allsopp or a church warden during the period the vicar is on holiday. Notices for next Sunday 14th August should be sent to Tina and Christine (see details below)

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 7th August 2016
Eleventh 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:

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastbury
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Monday:

9.30 am Prayers Lambourn

Friday

7.00 pm Carnival Meeting Lambourn Church

Saturday

12.00 noon Wedding of Samantha Smith &
Stephen Holmes, Lambourn

Next Sunday 14th August 2016 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Isaiah 5.1-7, Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2,
Luke 12.49-56

Notices & Diary Dates

The next meeting of the Churches Together Lambourn Carnival float is this Friday, 12th August, 7-00p.m at St. Michaels. If you want to take part, please come, or if unable to attend, speak to Tessa. (Come to the North door)

East Garston

Cello Concert – Sunday 11 September

International cellist Phil Daish-Handy and his accompanist will be giving an afternoon concert of timeless classics for cello and strings at 3.30pm on Sunday 11th September in All Saints Church. They will be joined by the West Berkshire Strings. Light refreshments will be available during the interval. Tickets are priced at £10 with free entry for the under-18s. Seating is being allocated on a "first come, first served" basis so contact Bob Briant (01488 648646 or email rebriant@waitrose.com) to book your ticket(s) and avoid disappointment.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 1:1 10 - 20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw
concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah,
Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.
When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.
When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.
Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,

you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hebrews 11:1 -3, 8 – 16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32 – 40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true
sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon
and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.