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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Sarah Brooks, Sue Smith and Jan Reynolds.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Hungerford with Denford

Michael Saunders, LLM Michael Morecroft
St. Lawrence Hungerford

Notices & Diary Dates

Eastbury

Tuesday Coffee Pot

Starting Tuesday 5th October St James Eastbury will hold a coffee morning on the first Tuesday of the month
10.30am to 12.00.

Alpha 2016

The Alpha Course is being run in Hungerford starting on Tuesday 27th September. It runs for 10 weeks from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and is being held at Hungerford Vicarage. Alpha is an excellent introduction to the Christian Faith and the Archbishop of Canterbury and Martin highly recommends it. If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining in this year's Alpha Course please speak to Martin (73920).

Lambourn Welcome Pack

Requests for our welcome pack for people newly moved into Lambourn have slowed down. Please continue to look out for houses with a "Sold" sign and tell Christine (674108 venchrisallsopp@gmail.com) when someone moves in. You can either deliver the pack yourself or ask for a member of our pastoral care team to deliver it

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 25th September 2016**Trinity 18****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
12.15pm Baptism East Garston
Arthur Clark Butcher

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents and Toddlers Lambourn
7.30pm PCC Lambourn

Tuesday:

2.45pm Assembly Lambourn School
7.00pm Alpha Course Hungerford Vicarage

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn
10.30 am Coffee Morning Eastbury

Next Sunday 2nd October 2016 St Michael & All Angels

10.30am Patronal Festival Lambourn
3.00pm Evensong Woodlands St Mary
6.30pm Festal Evensong Lambourn

Readings

Genesis 28:10 -17; Revelation 12:7 - 12;
John 1:47 -51

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Sunday 2nd October.

St Michael & All Angels Patronal Festival

A group celebration will be held
at Lambourn at 10.30am and Festal Evensong
at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 5th October

Welcome Eucharist for the Bishop of Oxford

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

Saturday 8th October

East Garston Churchyard working party 10.00am

Sunday 9th October Harvest Festival

Will be celebrated at all three churches
However, our annual evensong at Woodlands St Mary
will be held on 2nd October at 3.00pm.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting 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

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6 – 15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

1 Timothy 6:6 – 19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped

by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19 – 31

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tortured, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."'

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

