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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Jan Reynolds, Daniel Gould and Wendy Holmes.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

West Downland

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

Lambourn - Planned Giving

As we go forward into a new Christian Year, your church needs to receive a weekly increase of £150.00 to help meet our day to day running costs of £52000min per year. **Please** take and read the contents of the Planned Giving envelope and if you are able to help, or need a supply of Freewill Offering envelopes for 2017, please fill in the enclosed form and return it before the end of December.

Lambourn Carol Singing: Monday, 12th we meet at 7-00 by Lichgate. Wednesday, 14th we meet at the Lichgate at 6-45 as we are starting at the Quads. home in Upper Lambourn before they go to bed. Saturday, 17th at the Lichgate at 7-00. (NB. OED spells the roofed gateway to the Churchyard as above.) Please join us as either a singer or a collector. Tessa.

Christingle Services

Sun 11th Dec 4.00pm at St James the Greater

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 4th December 2016

Advent 2

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
3.00pm Christingle Lambourn

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
2.00pm Funeral Lambourn
Mrs Doris Penfold

Tuesday:

7.30pm Matthew House Group
Paddock View Upper Lambourn

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn
3.00pm Lambourn School Christmas Fayre

Next Sunday 11th December 2016 Advent 3

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn
4.00pm Christingle Eastbury
6.00pm Carol Service East Garston

Readings

Isaiah 35:1 - 10; James 5:7 - 10;
Matthew 11:3 - 11.

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Lambourn C of E Primary School Christmas Fayre. 9th December 3pm

Help Needed Please. If anyone would like to help on the day can you please speak to Alison either at school or at Lambourn Church. Thank You.

Carol Singing

Mon 12th December Lambourn
Tues 13th December Eastbury
Wed 14th December Lambourn
Sat 17th December Lambourn
Mon 19th December East Garston

Carol Services

Sunday 11th December 6.00pm East Garston
Sunday 18th December 6.00pm Lambourn

Children's Nativities / Crib Services

Saturday 17th December 3.00pm East Garston
Sunday 18th December 11.00am Lambourn
Saturday 24th December 4.00pm Eastbury

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Short Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Isaiah 11:1 -10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's
den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to
the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his
dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4 – 13

For whatever was written in former days was written for
our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the
encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.
May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant
you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance
with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one

voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has
welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that
Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on
behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm
the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that
the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is
written,

'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name';

and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him';

and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1 - 12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the
wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of
whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather
belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild
honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea
were going out to him, and all the region along the
Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river
Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees
coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of
vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say
to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I
tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up
children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the
root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear
good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is
more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy
to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy
Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he
will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat
into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire.'

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity
of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.