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## Prayers for People

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

## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Hermitage

Rita Ball, Luci Heyn, Meg Kirby,  
LLM Wendy Willoughby-Paul, Cathy Hawkins,  
Margaret Fisher  
Holy Trinity Hermitage, St. Mark Cold Ash  
St. Mary Hampstead Norreys, Ss. Peter and Paul  
Yattendon, St. Frideswide Frilsham, St. Mary and  
St. Nicholas Compton, St. Mary East Ilsley

## 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 C of E Primary School

### Christmas Fayre. 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### Advent 3

**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  
4.00pm Christingle Eastbury  
6.00pm Carol Service East Garston

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn  
10.00am Parents & Toddlers  
7.00pm Carol Singing Lambourn Lichgate

### Tuesday:

6.45pm Carol Singing Eastbury

### Wednesday:

9.30am School Carol Service Lambourn Church  
11.30am Holy Communion Harris Close  
6.45pm Carol Singing Lambourn Lichgate

### Thursday:

1.00pm Funeral Lambourn  
Mr Steve Lowman

### Saturday:

3.00pm Nativity East Garston  
3.30pm Wedding Lambourn  
Miss Harriet Rowlinson &  
Mr Kiran Radhakrishnan  
7.00pm Carol Singing Lambourn Lichgate

## Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### Advent 4

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn  
9.30am Family Communion Eastbury  
11.00am Nativity Lambourn  
6.00pm Carol Service Lambourn

### Readings

Isaiah 7:10 - 16; Romans 1:1 - 7;  
Matthew 1:18 - 25.

## Notices & Diary Dates

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

4.00pm Nativity Eastbury  
11.00pm Christmas Communion Lambourn

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am Christmas Communion East Garston  
10.30am Christmas Communion Eastbury  
10.30am Christmas Communion Lambourn

# Prayers and Readings



## The Collect for Today

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your  
mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the  
wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your  
sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Short Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of  
your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Isaiah 35:1 – 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.  
Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## James 5:7 – 10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## Matthew 11:2 – 11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

## Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.