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Prayers for People

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

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Walbury Beacon

Matthew Cookson, Sue Webster
St. Michael Inkpen, St. Swithin Combe,
St. Michael Enborne St. Mary Hamstead Marshall, St.
Laurence West Woodhay
St. Mary the Virgin Kintbury with Avington

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.

Year of Matthew

A house group to study Matthew's Gospel is being held in Upper Lambourn at Paddock View, courtesy of Geoff and Yvonne Poole, on Tuesday evenings, starting again on 10th of January. If you would like to join this group please speak to Martin.

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 18th December 2016

Advent 4

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

The Week Ahead

Today:

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

Monday:

9.30am Prayers
10.00am Parents & Toddlers Party Lambourn
7.00pm Carol Singing Queen's Arms East Garston

Christmas Eve:

4.00pm Nativity Eastbury
11.00pm Christmas Communion Lambourn

Next Sunday 25th December 2016 Christmas Day

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

Readings

Isaiah 52:7 - 10; Hebrews 1:1 - 4;
John 1:1- 14.

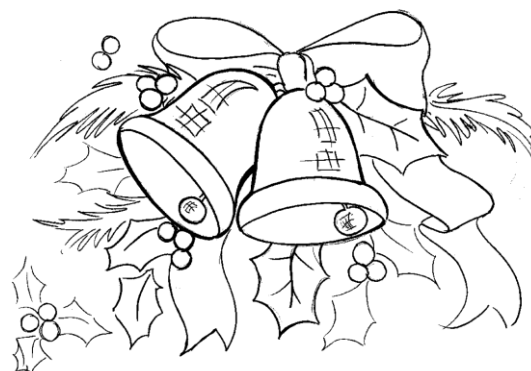
Or

Isaiah 62:6 - 12; Titus 3:4 - 7;
Luke 2:1 - 20.

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New Years Day 2017

There will be a group Communion Service at Lambourn to celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus at 10.30am



Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our
saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Short Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present
age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 7:10 – 16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Romans 1:1 – 7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18 – 25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

