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Prayers for People

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

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Hungerford with Denford

Michael Saunders, LLM Michael Morecroft
St. Lawrence Hungerford

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 the 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 25th December 2016 Christmas Day

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

The Week Ahead

Today:

11.00pm Christmas Communion Lambourn
9.00am Christmas Communion East Garston
10.30am Christmas Communion Eastbury
10.30am Christmas Communion Lambourn

Next Sunday 1st January 2017 Naming and circumcision of Jesus

10.30am Group Holy Communion Lambourn

Readings

Numbers 6:22 - 27; Galatians 4:4 - 7;
Luke 2:15 - 21.

Monday 2nd Jan:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn

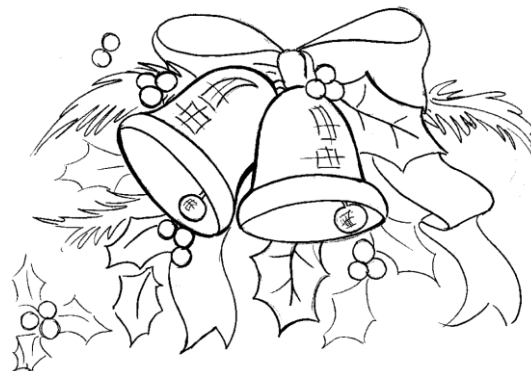
Sunday 8th January 2017

Epiphany

9.00am Holy Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Isaiah 60:1 - 6; Ephesians 3:1 - 12;
Matthew 2:1 - 12



Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that
light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
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

Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of
salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 52:7 – 10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces
peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1:1 – 4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

John 1:1- 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever.

