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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Anne Blackwell, George Kendall and Doreen Tosh.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Greenham

David McLeod, Brian Jones and John Bramhall
St. Mary Greenham

Notices & Diary Dates

Children's Society

During December we were able to send three amounts to the Children's Society. £257.05 from our Christingle Service, £135.84 from donations given by box holders, and £155.00 half of the sum collected by our Carol Singers. Many thanks to all who helped and grateful thanks to those who provided refreshments for our Carol Singers. The Royal British Legion again welcomed us, at their Christmas function on the 18th December.

Inclusive Worship

Pete and Christine Winmill have for the last 11 years led a holiday week in the Vendee region of France, for families and groups that include adults with learning disabilities. With the support of Spring Harvest Holidays Pete and Christine are leading a holiday at Le Pas Opton, Spring Harvest's park in France from the 5th to 12th June 2017. If you know of any families with disabled adult members who might benefit from this holiday break please email CountEveryoneIn@gmail.com. or telephone 01488 72286. 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 22nd January 2017 Epiphany 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

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents & Toddlers Lambourn
7.30pm PCC East Garston

Tuesday:

2.45pm Assembly Lambourn School
7.30pm Matthew House Group
Paddock View Upper Lambourn

Wednesday:

2.00pm Deanery Synod Standing Committee

Thursday:

12.00 Chapter St Nics Newbury

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 29th January 2017 Presentation of Christ

10.30am Group Communion Lambourn
6.30pm Taize Style Service Eastbury

Readings

Malachi 3:1 - 5; Hebrews 2:14 - 18;
Luke 2:22 - 40.

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East Garston

Now that Dawn Tonge has taken on the role of Churchwarden she would like to pass on the role of Electoral Roll Officer to another member of All Saints congregation. Please speak to Bob, Dawn or Martin if you think you might take on this role.

1st Lambourn Brownies is starting on Monday nights in term time to register interest please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested or contact Brown Owl on 01488 670360.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 9:1 – 4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

I Corinthians 1:10 - 18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank

God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12 – 23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.