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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

Shaw cum Donnington

Marion Wood
St. Mary Shaw cum Donnington

Notices & Diary Dates

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.

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.

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 29th January 2017

Presentation of Christ

Welcome to everyone!

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

The Week Ahead

Today:

10.30am Group Communion Lambourn
6.30pm Taize Style Service Eastbury

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents & Toddlers Lambourn

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

7.30pm PCC Eastbury

Friday:

10.00am Reception Class Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 5th February 2017 4th Sunday before Lent

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Isaiah 58:1 - 9a; 1 Corinthians 2:1 - 12;
Matthew 5:13 - 20.

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Saturday 11th February at 7.00pm

The 10th Anniversary 'Come and Sing Messiah' will be held at The Beacon Portway Wantage. The Musical Director will be Paul Ledington-Wright and Soloists will be from the Junior Royal Academy of Music. Continuo will again be played by Steve Bowey and a Chamber Orchestra will also accompany the singers some of whom will be from our Lambourn Church Choir. The net proceeds from the event are donated to charity, the main one being Breast Cancer Now (formerly Breakthrough Breast Cancer) and since the event began on 6th January 2008 over £10,000 pounds has been raised. Tickets are £12.00. For further information go to www.wantage.messiah@gmail.com or phone 01235 763756.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the
Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Short Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Malachi 3:1 – 5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Hebrews 2:14 – 18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2:22 – 40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us
to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
