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Prayers for People

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

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Thatcham (Team Ministry)

Mark Bennet, Marion Fontaine,
Pat Jones, and Brenda Harland
St. Mary Thatcham, St. Barnabas Thatcham

Notices & Diary Dates

Inclusive Worship

Pete and Christine Winnill 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.

Lent

Ash Wednesday is 1st March. From w/c 6th March we are hoping to establish groups to study the Pilgrim course The Beatitudes. If you would like to host a group or attend one please let Martin know indicating which day(s) and whether evening or daytime.

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 5th February 2017**4th Sunday before Lent****Welcome to everyone!****We are glad to have you join us
as we worship God in this church.**

The Week Ahead

Today:

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

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
7.30pm Deanery Synod
St Georges Wash Common

Thursday:

2.00pm Memorial Service
Mr Christopher Mordaunt

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 12th February 2017**3rd Sunday before Lent**

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:15 - 20; 1 Corinthians 3:1 - 9;
Matthew 5:21 - 37.

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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 Leddington-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 God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 58:1 - 9a

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.
'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

1 Corinthians 2:1 – 12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5:13 – 20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.