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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Doreen Tosh, Steve Pulleigne and Sylvia Ricketts.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Hermitage

Rita Ball, Luci Heyn, Meg Kirby
LLM Wendy Willoughby-Paul, Cathy Hawkins, Margaret Fisher
Holy Trinity Hermitage, St. Mark Cold Ash
St. Mary Hampstead Norreys, Ss. Peter and Paul Yattendon,
St. Frideswide Frilsham, St. Mary and St. Nicholas Compton,
St. Mary East Ilsley.

Notices & Diary Dates

Palm Sunday 9th April 2017

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn

Benefice rolling Service

9.30am Service of the Word East Garston followed by
Procession to Eastbury along track of old railway
10.45am Holy Communion Eastbury

Lent Lunch April 2nd between 12-2pm in the Memorial Hall.
(Soup, Bread and Cheese and Fruit) suggested donation £5
Please support this churches together Lent lunch with our
friends from Methodist and Catholic Churches for Christian Aid.
Contact Sandra Fletcher to add your name to the list.

Cello Concert – East Garston Village Hall

On Saturday 18th March the virtuoso cellist Philip Daish-Handy
and pianist Martin Penrose will be playing Romantic
Masterpieces with guest students from the West Berks Cello
Academy.
Doors open 7pm and tickets are £10 (under 18's free) on the
door or from bmie@outlook.com

**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 12th March 2017

Lent 2

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
7.45pm Lent Group St Christopher's Lodge
Wantage Road Lambourn

Tuesday:

2.45pm School Assembly Lambourn
7.30pm Lent Group 4 School Lane
East Garston
7.30pm Lent Group Roachan
Eastbury

Wednesday:

11.30am Holy Communion Harris Close
Lambourn
7.30pm Lent Group Mellor Cottage
2 Walkers Lane Lambourn

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 19th March 2017

Lent 3

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn
9.30am Family Communion Eastbury
11.00am Family Service + Baptism Lambourn
Harry George Armour

Readings

Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11;
John 4: 5-42.

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Mothering Sunday 26th March 2017

As well as Family Services at :-

10.30am Lambourn,
10.30am Eastbury,
12.00 East Garston,
there will also be a service of Holy Communion at
Lambourn at 6.30pm.

Making Mothers Day Posies in church on Saturday
25th March from 9.30am
Please contact Sandra if you can donate flowers or help
with making posies.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of
Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to
their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Short Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 12:1 - 4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Romans 4:1 -5, 13 -17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3:1 – 17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Maundy Thursday Communion 13th April 7.30pm

As in previous years, there will be a service of Holy Communion, remembering the Last Supper, on Maundy Thursday at St. Michael's, Lambourn. To help with catering, please sign the list in St. Michael's Church, or email/phone Martin or Jill before Palm Sunday (April 9th), if you are planning to attend. Thank you.

Electoral Roll.

Are you on the Church Electoral roll? If you are not, please ask Tessa for a form to fill in. They will be available where we enjoy refreshments after the service.