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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

Walbury Beacon

Matthew Cookson, Sue Webster

Lay leader: Jenny Veasey

St. Michael Inkpen, St. Swithin Combe, St. Michael Enborne

St. Mary Hamstead Marshall, St. Laurence West Woodhay

St. Mary the Virgin Kintbury with Avington.

Notices & Diary Dates

Lent Lunch April 2nd

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.

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

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 19th March 2017

Lent 3

Welcome to everyone!

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

The Week Ahead

Today:

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn

9.30am Family Communion Eastbury

11.00am Family Service + Baptism

Harry George Armour

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 Jimmies Farmhouse
East Garston

7.30pm Lent Group The Firs Eastbury
Paul and Jan Reynolds

Wednesday:

12.00 Chapter St George's Wash Common

7.30pm Lent Group Mellor Cottage
2 Walkers Lane Lambourn

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service

Saturday:

9.30am Making Posies Lambourn

Next Sunday 26th March 2017 Mothering Sunday

10.30am Family Service Eastbury

10.30am Family Service Lambourn

12.00 Family Service East Garston

6.30pm Holy Communion Lambourn

Readings

1 Samuel 1:20 - 28; Colossians 3:12 - 17;

John 19:25b - 27.

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Good Friday Walk of Witness

As part of the Lambourn Many Clouds Open Day the churches of Lambourn will hold a Walk of Witness from the Sacred Heart RC Church Baydon Road to St Michael & All Angels. We will assemble at the Sacred Heart for 10.00am and after a short period of worship move off at 10.10am along Crowle Road and the High Street and conclude with a short period of worship at St Michael & All Angels. We hope that many will want to take part in this important witness to our community.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered
pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 4: 5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.