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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Doreen Tosh, Pauline Illott, Christopher and Catherine Browne.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Thatcham

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

Notices & Diary Dates

The Matthew House Group begins its second half on Tuesday, examining the distinctive teaching contained in St Matthew's Gospel. If anyone would like to join the group please speak to Martin 73290 or Mrs Yvonne Poole 73480.

Battharos - Newbury Deanery's link Parish in South Africa A group from Battharos our link parish are hoping to visit Newbury Deanery from 23rd to 30th June 2017.

If you could help by offering accommodation for 1 or 2 people, host a meal, or provide transport; or you would like further information (there will be an article in Village Views) please contact Wendy Willoughby-Paul; tel: 01635 201705; e-mail wendywp@waitrose.com.

St Michael's Church APCM

For those of you who were not able to attend St Michael's Church APCM on the 24th April, there are copies of the Reports submitted at the meeting for you, please take one.

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 7th May 2017**4th Sunday of Easter****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 and Toddlers
7.30pm PCC East Garston

Tuesday:

2.45pm Assembly Lambourn School
7.30pm Confirmation Hungerford

Wednesday:

12.00 Memorial Service Lambourn
Mr Clarence Chilvers

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 14th May 2017 5th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Acts 7:55 - 60; 1 Peter 2:2 - 10;
John 14:1 - 14.

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Tuesday 9th May 2017 Confirmation

St Lawrence Hungerford 7.30pm
Please pray for Stuart Smerdon who
will be baptised and confirmed at this service

Friday 12th May Plant Sale & Coffee Morning

10.30-noon at Eastbury House, Eastbury All
welcome, please come! In aid of the Rosemary Appeal
(Cancer care in Newbury) & the Church of St James the
Greater, Eastbury

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Short Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 2:42 – 47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2: 17 – 25

Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10: 1 - 10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.