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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Cheryl Eaton-Evans, Susannah Lough, Margaret Jackson, Betty and George Kendall.

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

Friday 22nd September 7.30p.m

This is my story This is my song

An event for women, sharing stories of Life, Faith and Hope, through art, music and words. At St Nicolas Church Hall, Newbury, Tickets £5.00 from Shoemakers Christian Books & Coffee Shop

Oxford Kimberley & Kuruman Summit

Bishop Steven is leading a delegation from Oxford Diocese to our link Diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman in South Africa. Two representatives from Newbury Deanery, Alan Booth (Spen) and Wendy Willoughby Paul (Frilsham) are attending on behalf of our Deanery's link with the Parish of Batlharos. The Summit will take place from 14th to 18th September. We are invited to pray

"Almighty and gracious God, you have journeyed with your people throughout history on their paths of faith and love. Journey with us as we seek to serve one another; as we learn to be your disciples; and as we continue to walk together as partners in the Gospel. Bless the Dioceses of Kimberley and Kuruman and of Oxford, that together we may be anchored in your love and be transformed into your likeness, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen."

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 17th September 2017

Trinity 14

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 Lambourn
6.30pm Evensong Lambourn

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents & Toddlers Lambourn
7.30pm PCC Lambourn

Tuesday:

8.50am Assembly Lambourn School
7.30pm PCC Eastbury

Wednesday:

11.30am Holy Communion Harris Close

Thursday:

7.30pm Filling Station Hampstead Norreys RG18 0TR

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 24th September 2017

Trinity 15

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11; Philippians 1:21 -30;
Matthew 20:1 - 16

Notices & Diary Dates

St Michael & All Angels Lambourn Patronal Festival Weekend

Saturday 30th September

Annual Gift Day

The Vicar and wardens will be pleased to receive gifts towards the running of the Church from 9.00 to 12.00 at the lych gate. This is particularly a time for those who are associated with the Church or well wishers to contribute. Letters will be available in Church for members of the congregation to deliver to those they think might contribute.

Refreshments - will be available in Church

The Belfry - will be open for those who might want to try their hand at ringing or find out more.

Sunday 1st October

10.30am Group Sung Eucharist at
St Michael & All Angels
3.00pm Harvest Evensong Woodlands St Mary

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 50:15 -21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Romans 14:1 -12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18:21 - 35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.