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## Prayers for People

**We continue to pray for:** Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Susannah Lough, David Taylor, Betty and George Kendall.

## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Hungerford with Denford

Michael Saunders, LLM Michael Morecroft, Alison Saunders  
St. Lawrence Hungerford

## 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.

To celebrate St Michael's tide a full peal of the bells will be rung from 2.00pm on Sunday 8 October. Local ringers will be led by ringers from Shrivenham and the Didcot area. The peal will consist of 50984 changes and will take about 2 hours 45 minutes.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Trinity 15

**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  
2.30pm Incumbents Conference  
Christ Church Oxford

### Tuesday:

8.50am Assembly Lambourn School  
12.00 Chapter St Nics Newbury

### Wednesday:

7.30pm Licensing Rev Mark Wilson  
Kintbury

### Friday:

10.00am Pram Service  
12.00 Funeral Lambourn  
Mr Gerald Francis Collin

### Saturday:

9.00am Gift Day, Belfry Open Morning  
Lambourn

## Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 St Michael & All Angels

10.30am Patronal Festival Eucharist  
Lambourn  
3.00pm Harvest Evensong  
Woodlands St Mary

### Readings

Genesis 28:10 - 17; Revelation 12:7 - 12;  
John 1:47 - 51.

## Notices & Diary Dates

## Harvest Festivals

### Sunday 8th October

12.00 All Saints East Garston  
followed by lunch in village hall  
4.00pm St James Eastbury

### Sunday 15th October

11.00am St Michael & All Angels Lambourn  
followed by bring & share lunch in church

# Prayers and Readings



## The Collect for Today

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

## Philippians 1:21 -30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## Matthew 20:1 – 16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

## Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.