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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Christopher and Catherine Browne, David Taylor, George Kendall, and Cheryl Eaton-Evans.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

South Newbury

Becky Bevan, Paul Cowan, Debbie Davison, Terence Winrow
St. George Wash Common
St. John the Evangelist Newbury

Notices & Diary Dates

Advent Course on the Beatitudes

Bishop Stephen has produced an inspirational short study course to enable small groups to deepen their understanding of this key biblical text. He writes:
Together, we are called to be more Christ-like: to be the Church of the Beatitudes: contemplative, compassionate and courageous for the sake of God's world.
Anyone interested in this three session course please let Martin know indicating the times (eg Tue evenings, Wed afternoons) they would be available to host or participate in a small group in the last week of November and the first two weeks of December.

All Saints Patronal Festival

10.30am 29th October 2017

We are delighted that the Dean of Christchurch The Very Rev Professor Martyn Percy will be our preacher at this service. Martyn is well worth hearing, do come and help us celebrate on this special occasion.

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 15th October 2017

Harvest Festival

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 Harvest Festival Lambourn

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

12.00 Chapter St George's Wash Common
3.00pm Funeral Lambourn
Mrs Sylvia Doris Little

Wednesday:

11.30am Holy Communion Harris Close
2.30pm Lambourn School Harvest

Thursday:

7.30pm Filling Station
Hampstead Norreys RG18 0TR

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 22nd October 2017 Trinity 19

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

Isaiah 45:1 - 7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 10;
Matthew 22:15 - 22

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Harvest Festivals

Wednesday 18th October

2.30pm Lambourn School Harvest Festival in Church.

At each harvest festival, tinned and packet goods will be given to the foodbank. Any fresh food items eg vegetables will be auctioned after the service.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Deuteronomy 28:1 – 14

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God:

Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock.

Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl.

Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

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2 Corinthians 9:6 - 15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 12:16 - 30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.