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Prayers for People

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

Deanery Prayer Cycle

Greenham

David McLeod, Brian Jones and John Bramhall
St. Mary Greenham

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 22nd October 2017**Trinity 19****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

Saturday:

10.00am Churchyard working party Eastbury

Next Sunday 29th October 2017**All Saints**

10.30am Patronal Festival East Garston
Preacher Dean Martyn Percy

Readings

Revelation 7:9 - 17; 1 John 3:1 - 3;
Matthew 5:1 - 12.

Notices & Diary Dates

5th November

Memorial Service 3.00pm

St Michael & All Angels Lambourn

Shoebox Appeal 2017

Leaflets and boxes for this year's shoebox appeal are available in the coffee area at St. Michael's, or ring Jill or Martin on 01488 73920. The shoeboxes are sent to children in Eastern Europe and Africa, in great need, and for whom the shoebox is their only Christmas gift. Thankyou if you are able to support the appeal; please can shoeboxes be returned to church or Lambourn Vicarage, before Saturday 11th November at the latest. We can also collect boxes, if needed.

Fri 3rd November 7.30pm

Faringdon Corn Exchange

Creation or Evolution: Do we have to choose?

Dr. Denis Alexander, of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, has written a book with the above title, and speaks around the world on this subject. Entry and refreshments free - All welcome Visit www.allsaintsfaringdon.org.uk for more information.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 45:1 – 7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides
me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
We always give thanks to God for all of you and
mention you in our prayers, constantly
remembering before our God and Father your
work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness
of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know,
brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has
chosen you, because our message of the gospel
came to you not in word only, but also in power
and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just
as you know what kind of people we proved to be
among you for your sake. And you became
imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of
persecution you received the word with joy
inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an
example to all the believers in Macedonia and in
Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth
from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in
every place where your faith in God has become
known, so that we have no need to speak about it.
For the people of those regions report about us
what kind of welcome we had among you, and
how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living
and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who
rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22:15 – 22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him
in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him,
along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we
know that you are sincere, and teach the way of
God in accordance with truth, and show deference
to no one; for you do not regard people with
partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful
to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus,
aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting
me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin
used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius.
Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and
whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.'
Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the
emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to
God the things that are God's.' When they heard
this, they were amazed; and they left him and went
away.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your
Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ
our Lord.