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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Tony Basden, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Glennan Carnie and Cheryl Eaton-Evans.

Notices & Diary Dates

Christmas Carol Concert by Candlelight

In aid of the Injured Jockeys Fund
Wed 6th December 2017 - 6.00pm for 6.30pm
St Michael and All Angels Church
Liqueurs and Mince Pies
Tickets £15 available at Oaksey House
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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 19th November 2017 2 Before Advent

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 + Baptism Lambourn
Flynn Marie Lashly
6.30pm Evensong Lambourn

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents and Toddlers Lambourn
7.30pm PCC Eastbury

Tuesday:

8.50am Assembly Lambourn School

Thursday:

7.30pm Chapter Thatcham

Next Sunday 26th November 2017 Christ the King

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist

Readings

Ezekiel 34:11 - 16, 20 - 24; Ephesians 1:15 - 23;
Matthew 25:31 - 46.

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Shoebox appeal 2017

Thanks to all those who contributed so generously to this year's shoebox appeal. 68 shoeboxes were sent from Lambourn, Eastbury and East Garston..

Christingle Services

Sun 3rd December 3.00pm @ St Michael & All Angels Lambourn
Sun 10th December 4.00pm @ St James Eastbury

Christmas Fair

Friday 1st December
St Michael & All Angels Lambourn
5.30 - 8.00pm Something for everyone
a warm welcome for all.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works
of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs
of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves
even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious
kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Short Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12 – 18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5:1 - 11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers
and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to
you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of
the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they
say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light
and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep
sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at
night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober,
and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a
helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us
not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are
awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14 - 30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his
slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he
gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away. The one
who had received the five talents went off at once and
traded with them, and made five more talents. In the
same way, the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. But the one who had received the one
talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the
one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed
over to me five talents; see, I have made five more
talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into
the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents
also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to
me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His
master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy
slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will
put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of
your master." Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that
you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow,
and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was
afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here
you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You
wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap
where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?
Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what
was my own with interest. So take the talent from him,
and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those
who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance; but from those who have nothing, even
what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless
slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there
will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament, you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.