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Walbury Beacon

Mark Wilson, Matthew Cookson, Sue Webster
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St. Michael Inkpen, St. Swithin Combe, St. Michael
Enborne
St. Mary Hamstead Marshall, St. Laurence West
Woodhay
St. Mary the Virgin Kintbury with Avington

Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Tony Basden, Christopher
and Catherine Browne, Cheryl Eaton-Evans, Rev'd Bill
Stewart and Doreen Tosh.

Notices & Diary Dates

Carol Singing

Tues 12th December 6.45pm St James Eastbury
Wed 13th December 7.00pm Lambourn Lychgate
Sat 16th December 7.00pm Lambourn Lychgate
(including Royal British Legion)
Mon 18th December 7.30pm Queen's Arms East
Garston
Thu 21st December tba Upper Lambourn

Church Carol Services

Sunday 10th December 6.00pm East Garston
Sunday 17th December 6.00pm Lambourn

Crib Services / Nativities

Sun 17th December 11.00am Lambourn
Sun 24th December 4.00pm Eastbury

**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 10th December 2017

Advent 2

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
4.00pm Christingle Eastbury
6.00pm Carol Service East Garston

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents and Toddlers Lambourn

Tuesday:

2.00pm School Christmas Service Lambourn
6.45pm Carol Singing Eastbury

Wednesday:

7.00pm Carol Singing Lambourn

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

Saturday:

7.00pm Carol Singing Lambourn

Next Sunday 17th December 2017 Advent 3

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn
9.30am Family Communion Eastbury
11.00am Family Service / Nativity Lambourn
6.00pm Carol Service Lambourn

Readings

Isaiah 61:1 - 4, 8 - 11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24;
John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28.

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Crib Services / Nativities

Sun 17th December 11.00am Lambourn come and meet
Parababble Puppets who will be at this service helping
to tell the Nativity Story.

Parababble Puppets- Meet Donkey and his freinds
who will be telling the Nativity Story at Yatterdon Church
at 4pm. Everybody welcome

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

The Short Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Isaiah 40:1 – 11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

2 Peter 3:8 - 15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

Mark 1: 1 - 8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight",

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity
of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.