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## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Hungerford with Denford

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

## Prayers for People

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

## Notices & Diary Dates

### Crib Service / Nativity 17<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Christmas Fair/ Christingle Services

Many thanks to Amanda Marchant, Carol Silk, the Choirs, and to all those who worked so hard to make the Christmas Fair a success. It was lovely to have the church full with visitors. Many thanks also go to Sandra and Brian and helpers, Jenny and the Eastbury Sunday School, for preparing the Christingles.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

#### Advent 3

**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 / Nativity Lambourn  
6.00pm Carol Service Lambourn

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn  
10.00am Parents and Toddlers Lambourn  
7.30pm Carol Singing Queens Arms  
East Garston

### Tuesday:

12.00 Thanksgiving for the life of  
Peter Tyndall Walwyn Lambourn

### Wednesday:

11.30am Holy Communion Harris Close

### Thursday:

7.00pm Carol Singing Upper Lambourn

### Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Advent 4/Christmas Eve

10.30am Holy Communion Lambourn  
A simple said service without hymns.  
4.00pm Crib Service Eastbury  
11.00pm Christmas Communion Lambourn

### Readings

2 Samuel 7:1 - 11,16; Romans 16:25 -27;  
Luke 1:26 - 38.

### Christmas Day

9.00am Christmas Communion East Garston  
10.30am Christmas Communion Eastbury

### Readings

Isaiah 52:7 10; Hebrews 4:1 - 4;  
John 1:1 - 14.  
10.30am Christmas Communion Lambourn

### Readings

Isaiah 9:2 - 7; Titus 2:11 - 14;  
Luke 2:1 - 20.

## Notices & Diary Dates

### Carol Singing

Mon 18th December 7.30pm Queen's Arms East Garston  
Thu 21st December tba Upper Lambourn

# Prayers and Readings



## The Collect for Today

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of  
the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## The Short Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your  
Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Isaiah 61:1 - 4, 8 - 11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring  
up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus  
for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the  
words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what  
is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and  
may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and  
blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The  
one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

## John 1:6 -8, 19 -28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was  
John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that  
all might believe through him. He himself was not the  
light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent  
priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are  
you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I  
am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then?  
Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the  
prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him,  
'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who  
sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said,  
'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord'',  
as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They  
asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are  
neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John  
answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands  
one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after  
me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'  
This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where  
John was baptizing.

## Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

