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Deanery Prayer Cycle

South Newbury

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

Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Tony Basden, Cheryl Eaton-Evans.

We are sad to learn of the death of Mrs Pauline Bracey, there will be a family cremation mid January and provisionally a memorial service is planned for 2.00pm on Wednesday 31st January.

Notices & Diary Dates

Confirmation 2018

Our Deanery Confirmation in 2018 will be on Tuesday 15th May. If you or someone you know would like to be confirmed in 2018 please speak to or e-mail Martin (73920 martin_cawte@hotmail.com). Children should normally be in year 6 or older.

The Freewill Offering envelopes for 2018 are now ready for collection. Anyone wishing to have a supply of envelopes for each Sunday of 2018, please see Brian our PCC Treasurer who will be pleased to organise this for you.

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 7th January 2018

Epiphany

Welcome to everyone!

**We are glad to have you join us
as we worship God in this church.**

The Week Ahead

Today:

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn
12.15pm Holy Baptism Eastbury
Leonora Alexandra Rose Woolley

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents & Toddlers Lambourn

Tuesday:

8.50am Assembly Lambourn School

Thursday:

8.00pm Good Friday Choir rehearsal Lambourn

Friday:

10.00am Nursery Pram Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 14th January 2018 Epiphany 2

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

1 Samuel 3:1 - 20; Revelation 5:1 - 10;
John 1:43 - 51.

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Thank you to the Carol Singers, we raised £344.00 which will be split 50%/50% between The Children's Society and our church (to help cover the day to day running costs). **Thank you** to John and Cass Watts for hosting our final nights singing at their home in Upper Lambourn and to Martin and Jill for their hospitality on the first night, and to the British Legion for welcoming us as usual to the Legion Clubhouse on their Pre Christmas party night.

The Children's Society has also benefitted to the sum of £301.06 plus Gift Aid they will be able to collect from our Christingle Service early in December. Children Society box holders have also donated £109.62 so far and if anyone else has a box still to be counted please pass it to Brian as soon as possible.

Thanks to your generous contributions towards the after service refreshments throughout the year we have been able to send the following charitable donations:-
Scripture Union £150.00, Water Aid £150.00
Crisis at Christmas £75.00.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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.

The Short Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 60:1 – 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:1 – 12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1 – 12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by
your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.