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## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Greenham

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

## Prayers for People

**We continue to pray for:** Tony Basden, Cheryl Eaton-Evans and David Taylor.

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs Pamela Deacon her funeral will be held on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 3pm.

## Notices & Diary Dates

### Confirmation 2018

The Deanery confirmation will be on Tuesday 15th May. Classes for young people will be held at Lambourn at 11.45am on 18,25 Feb, 4 Mar, 15,22 Apr & 13May. Preparation of Adults will be tailored to need. Please let Martin know if you or someone you know wishes to be confirmed this year.

### 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 14th January 2018 Epiphany 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

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn  
10.00am Parents & Toddlers

### Tuesday:

8.50am Assembly Lambourn School

### Wednesday:

11.30 am Holy Communion. Harris Close.

### Thursday:

8.00pm Good Friday Choir rehearsal Lambourn

### Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn  
11.15am Funeral (Thatcham)

## Next Sunday 21st January 2018 Epiphany 3

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn  
9.30am Family Communion Eastbury  
11.00am Family Service + Baptism Lambourn  
Arabella Clare Coles

### Readings

Genesis 14:17 - 20; Revelation 19:6 - 10;  
John 2:1 - 11.

## Notices & Diary Dates

### January 27th 9 - 10 am

Breakfast Discussion at St James Eastbury  
Issues in Human Sexuality  
Please let Paul Reynolds 01488 71001 know if you are intending to attend

### Lent Groups

Ash Wednesday is 14th February. If you would like to be part of a Lent Group for five weeks following Ash Wednesday please let Martin know what evenings (and or days) you are available.

# Prayers and Readings



## The Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your  
grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 1 Samuel 3:1 – 20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

## Revelation 5:1 – 10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you  
ransomed for God

saints from every tribe and language and people and  
nation;

you have made them to be a kingdom and priests  
serving our God,

and they will reign on earth.'

## John 1:43 – 51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

## Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.