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Lay Chair: Bruce Laurie, Treasurer: Philip Read

Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Tony Basden, Cheryl Eaton-Evans, David Taylor, Eric (Snr) & Pam Hastle and Nigel Jenks

Notices & Diary Dates

Lent Groups

There will be Lent groups starting on Wednesdays at Mellor Cottage, 2 Walkers Lane, Lambourn at 2.30pm from 21st February; at St Christopher's Lodge, Wantage Road, Lambourn at 7.30pm from 21st February; on Saturdays at St James Eastbury at 9.00am from 24th February and on Tuesdays in East Garston at 7.30pm from 27th February. Sign up sheets are available.

Water Aid-Jars of Change Lent Appeal

Water aid is promoting a further appeal to raise funds for schools in Pakistan where only half of the schools have toilets and only a quarter have running water to enable students to wash their hands.

Please see the promotional materials on the notice board and in the refreshments area. All you need is a large clean jar and to save some small change such as 5p's, 10p's or bronze coins over the period of Lent. The jars can then be returned to Church for counting at Easter. Last year we raised over £300.00 for this worthy cause so let's see if we can repeat or beat this amount in 2018.

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 4th February 2018**2nd Sunday before Lent****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

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents & Toddlers
1.30pm Funeral Lambourn
Mr Roger Curtis
7.30pm PCC Eastbury

Tuesday:

8.50am Assembly Lambourn School

Thursday:

11.15am Funeral West Berkshire Crematorium
Mrs Molly Thorne
8.00pm Good Friday Choir rehearsal Lambourn

Friday:

10.00am Nursery Pram Service Lambourn

Next Sunday 11th February 2018 Sunday Next before Lent

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

2 Kings 2:1 -12; 2 Corinthians 4:3 - 6;
Mark 9:2 - 9.

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14th February – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Holy Communion with imposition
of Ashes Lambourn.

17th February - PCCs AwayDay

The long awaited joint AwayDay for the three PCCs will be held at the Friends Meeting House in East Garston.

Confirmation 2018

We are delighted that the 2018 Confirmation will be on 15th May at 7.30pm at Lambourn. Classes for young people will be held at 11.45am on Sundays 18,25 Feb, 4 Mar, 15,22 Apr & 13 May at Lambourn. Please let Martin know if you or someone you know wishes to be confirmed this year.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme
over all things,
now and for ever.

The Short Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Proverbs 8:1, 22 – 31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with
water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his
command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1:15 – 20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn
of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and
on earth were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
powers—all things have been created through him
and for him. He himself is before all things, and in
him all things hold together. He is the head of the
body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn
from the dead, so that he might come to have first
place in everything. For in him all the fullness of
God was pleased to dwell, and through him God
was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace
through the blood of his cross.

John 1:1 – 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God. He was in the
beginning with God. All things came into being
through him, and without him not one thing came
into being. What has come into being in him was
life, and the life was the light of all people. The
light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did
not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into
being through him; yet the world did not know him.
He came to what was his own, and his own people
did not accept him. But to all who received him,
who believed in his name, he gave power to
become children of God, who were born, not of
blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man,
but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a
father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly
paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on
earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.