

## Lambourn Valley Contacts

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## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Retired Clergy

Christine Allsopp, George Carey, Dee Dawes, Trevor Dorey, Dick Douglas, Graham Foulis-Brown, Clive Jones, Trevor Maines, Piers Nash-Williams, Charles Packenham, Martin Partridge, Nigel Sands, Bill Stewart, Patrick Whitworth, Pat Willis, David Winter.

## Prayers for People

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

## 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

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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018****Sunday Next before Lent****Welcome to everyone!****We are glad to have you join us  
as we worship God in this church.**

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## The Week Ahead

### Today:

9.00am Holy Communion East Garston  
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn

### Ash Wednesday:

7.30pm Holy Communion + Ashes Lambourn

### Friday:

2.15pm Funeral Thatcham  
Mrs Doreen Tosh  
4.00pm Reception Memorial Hall

### Saturday:

10.00am 3PCCs awayday  
Friends Meeting House East Garston

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## Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Lent 1

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn  
9.30am Family Communion Eastbury  
11.00am Family Service + Baptisms Lambourn  
Orla Rose Holland,  
Charlie Max Holland,  
Logan Phoenix James White,  
Elodie Louise White.

### Readings

Genesis 9:8 - 17; 1 Peter 3:18 - 22;  
Mark 1:9 - 15.

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## Notices & Diary Dates

### 16<sup>th</sup> February – Celebration of life for Doreen Tosh.

Anyone who knew Doreen or knows Tina and Paul will be most welcome to attend the Funeral at 2.15pm in Thatcham and/or the reception at 4pm in the Memorial Hall. No black, she would want a happy occasion.

### 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to  
glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

## The Short Collect

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord..

## 2 Kings 2:1 -12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two

of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## 2 Corinthians 4:3 – 6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## Mark 9:2 – 9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change  
and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.