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## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### East Downland Benefice

John Toogood, Denise Brown, Douglas Dales, William McDowell

All Saints West Ilsley, All Saints Farnborough, St. Nicholas Beedon, St. Barnabas Peasemore, St. Mary Chieveley St. James the Less Winterbourne, St. Bartholomew Oare St. Andrew Boxford, St. John Stockcross

## 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

### 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.

### Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer service on the theme 'All God's Creation is Very Good' written by the women of Suriname in South America, will be held in the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church Lambourn at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Everyone is welcome.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Lent 1

**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 + Baptisms Lambourn  
Orla Rose Holland,  
Charlie Max Holland,  
Logan Phoenix James White,  
Elodie Louise White.  
11.45am Confirmation Class Lambourn

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn  
10.00am Parents & Toddlers

### Tuesday:

8.50am Assembly Lambourn School  
7.00pm Deanery Synod St Nics  
Newbury

### Wednesday:

11.30am Holy Communion Harris Close  
12.00 Chapter St George Wash Common  
2.30pm Lent Group 2 Walkers Lane  
Lambourn  
7.30pm Lent Group St Christopher's Lodge  
Wantage Road Lambourn

### Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

### Saturday:

9.00am Lent Group St James Eastbury

## Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Lent 2

9.00am Family Communion East Garston  
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn  
11.45am Confirmation Class Lambourn

### Readings

Genesis 17:1 - 7,15 - 16; Romans 4:13 - 25;  
Mark 8:31 - 38.

## Notices & Diary Dates

### 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,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Genesis 9:8 – 17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

## 1 Peter 3:18 – 22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## Mark 1:9 – 15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Notices & Diary Dates

### Lent Groups

There will 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.