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St. James Leckhampstead, St. Mary Fawley, St Swithin
Wickham, St. Gregory Welford, St. Mary Great Shefford,
St. Stephen Shefford Woodlands

Prayers for People

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

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.

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 2nd 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 25th February 2018**Lent 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
11.45am Confirmation Class Lambourn

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn
10.00am Parents & Toddlers

Tuesday:

8.50am Assembly Lambourn School

Wednesday:

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
7.30 pm Women's World Day of Prayer
Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church Lambourn

Saturday:

9.00am Lent Group St James Eastbury

Next Sunday 4th March 2018**Lent 3**

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn
11.45am Confirmation Class Lambourn

Readings

Exodus 20:1 - 17; 1Corinthians 1:18 - 25;
John 2:13 - 22.

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Mothering Sunday 11th March

10.30am All age family Communion Lambourn
10.30am Family Service Eastbury
12.00 Family Service East Garston

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 lets see if we can repeat or beat this amount in 2018.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Short Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 17:1 - 7, 15 – 16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Romans 4:13 - 25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8:31 – 38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.