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## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### South Newbury

Becky Bevan, Debbie Davison, Terence Winrow  
St. George Wash Common  
St. John the Evangelist Newbury

## Prayers for People

**We continue to pray for:** Tony Basden, Cheryl Eaton-Evans, David Taylor, Nigel Jenks, Steve Morgan, John Andrews, Sarah Brooks, Carol Jerrard and Alan Wood.

## Notices & Diary Dates

### Women's World Day of Prayer service

Because of the snowy weather the Women's World Day of Prayer service due to be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the Church of the Sacred Heart had to be postponed. It will now be held there on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.

**Congratulations** to Lydia Morey who will be ordained Deacon in Bristol Cathedral on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to serve in the parish of St John the Baptist Walcot and St Andrew Parks, Swindon

### Confirmation 2018

Please pray for Beth Breese, Oliver Clayton, Julie Clayton, Matthew Clayton, Beth Williams and Mair Williams as they prepare for Confirmation on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Please note that the time of this service has been brought forward to 7.00pm

**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 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Second Sunday of Easter

**Welcome to everyone!**  
**We are glad to have you join us**  
**as we worship God in this church.**

## The Week Ahead

### Today:

10.30am Group Communion Lambourn

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn  
7.30pm APCM Eastbury

### Wednesday:

4.00pm Interment of Ashes Lambourn  
Mrs Molly Thorne

## Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn  
9.30am Family Communion Eastbury  
11.00am Family Service Lambourn  
12.00 Confirmation Class Lambourn

### Readings

Acts 3:12 - 19; 1 John 3:1 - 7;  
Luke 24:36b - 48.

## Notices & Diary Dates

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings

9<sup>th</sup> April Eastbury  
16<sup>th</sup> April Lambourn  
23<sup>rd</sup> April East Garston

### New Parish Giving Scheme

This scheme has been introduced successfully in some Dioceses, and is now being rolled out throughout the Oxford Diocese. There are personal letters explaining the scheme for those of you from St Michael's who currently donate by Bank Standing order and the Freewill envelope scheme. There will also be extras for those of you who wish to know about the scheme which the Bishops are encouraging all churches to consider for the future.

**Newbury Deanery Deaf Church** will be holding its regular monthly service at 3pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at St. Nicolas, Newbury. This will be a communion service specially adapted for the deaf and hard of hearing, followed by a time for fellowship and tea! The service is open to all, if you'd like to help, or need more information, please let me know. We can also offer to teach signing for anyone interested. It would be appreciated if you could make this known in your parish.

# Prayers and Readings



## The Collect for Today

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and  
wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

## Acts 4:32 – 35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the

truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## John 20:19 – 31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.