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## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Thatcham

Mark Bennet, Marion Fontaine,  
Pat Jones, and Brenda Harland  
St. Mary Thatcham, St. Barnabas Thatcham

## Prayers for People

**We continue to pray for:** Tony Basden, David Taylor,  
Nigel Jenks, Steve Morgan, David Ashplant and Alan  
Wood.

## Notices & Diary Dates

**On the 12th May** our 3 valley churches St. Michael,  
St. James and All Saints are together raising funds for  
Christian Aid week, by having a cuppa and croissant  
between 9am and 10.30am at Eastbury church.  
A suggested donation £5 for continental breakfast with  
coffee/tea/juice with rolls/croissants. Please do support  
this worthy cause.

**Your social committee** are working hard to organise  
the following events:

**2nd June** 10.00-12 Coffee morning in aid of church  
funds, at St. Michael's church.

**1st July** 2.30pm St Michael church Fete. If you would  
like to help at our annual church fete, please speak to  
Chris Couch or any member of the Committee. We look  
forward to your support.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018****Fifth Sunday of Easter****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:

10.30am Group Communion East Garston  
12.30pm Baptism St Michael & All Angels Lambourn  
Matilda Rose Walker

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn  
10.00am Parents & Toddlers Lambourn  
5.30pm Lambourn School Governing Body

### Tuesday:

8.50am School Assembly Lambourn

### Wednesday:

12.00 Funeral Eastbury @ Thatcham  
Mr Ronald Arthur Muller

### Friday:

10.00am Pram Service Lambourn

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**Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018****Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury  
10.30am Sung Eucharist

### Readings

Acts 10:44 - 48; 1 John 5:1 - 6;  
John 15:9 - 17

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### Ascension Day

Thursday 10th May  
7.30pm Holy Communion Lambourn

### Confirmation 2018

Tuesday 15th May 7.00pm Lambourn  
Please continue to pray for Beth Breese, Oliver  
Julia and Matthew Clayton, Sharon Turner and  
Beth and Mair Williams. Bishop Andrew will also  
confirm candidates from East Downland Benefice  
at this service.

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Ordination of** Lydia Morey at  
Bristol Cathedral. Lydia Morey will be ordained deacon  
by the Bishop of Bristol to serve in the parish of St John  
the Baptist Walcot and St Andrew Parks Swindon.

# Prayers and Readings



## The Collect for Today

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate  
of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us you  
put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen 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,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Acts 8:26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up  
and go towards the south to the road that goes  
down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a  
wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now  
there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of  
the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of  
her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to  
worship and was returning home; seated in his  
chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then  
the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and  
join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading  
the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand  
what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I,  
unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip  
to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of  
the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask  
you, does the prophet say this, about himself or  
about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak,  
and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to  
him the good news about Jesus. As they were  
going along the road, they came to some water;  
and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is  
to prevent me from being baptized?' He  
commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them,  
Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water,  
and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of  
the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip  
away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on  
his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at  
Azotus, and as he was passing through the region,  
he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until  
he came to Caesarea.

## 1 John 4:7-end

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is  
from God; everyone who loves is born of God and  
knows God. Whoever does not love does not know  
God, for God is love. God's love was revealed  
among us in this way: God sent his only Son into  
the world so that we might live through him. In this  
is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us  
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our  
sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we  
also ought to love one another. No one has ever  
seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us,  
and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in  
us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we  
have seen and do testify that the Father has sent  
his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in  
those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God,  
and they abide in God. So we have known and  
believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in  
God, and God abides in them. Love has been  
perfected among us in this: that we may have  
boldness on the day of judgement, because as he  
is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love,  
but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do  
with punishment, and whoever fears has not  
reached perfection in love. We love because he  
first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and  
hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those  
who do not love a brother or sister whom they  
have seen, cannot love God whom they have not  
seen. The commandment we have from him is  
this: those who love God must love their brothers  
and sisters also.

## John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-  
grower. He removes every branch in me that bears  
no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to  
make it bear more fruit. You have already been  
cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.  
Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch  
cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the  
vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am  
the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide  
in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart  
from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not  
abide in me is thrown away like a branch and  
withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into  
the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my  
words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish,  
and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by  
this, that you bear much fruit and become my  
disciples.

## Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and  
the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.