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## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Greenham

David McLeod, Brian Jones and John Bramhall  
St. Mary Greenham

## Prayers for People

**We continue to pray for:** Tony Basden, Nigel Jenks, Steve Morgan, Alan Wood and Gillian Kennedy.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Thomas Richardson and surround those who mourn his passing with our prayers.

## Notices & Diary Dates

### Parents & Toddlers

This Monday's Teddy Bears Picnic is the last session of our Parents & Toddlers Group before the summer. The group will resume on Monday 10th September.

### Intercessory Prayers

A small group meet every Monday morning in Lambourn Church at 9.30am for half an hour's intercessory prayer for the Benefice and the world. This is vitally important work which underpins all that we try to do. Is this something you could contribute to? You would be most welcome, just come along one Monday and give it a try.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018****Trinity 7****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:

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn  
9.30am Family Communion Eastbury  
11.00am Family Service Lambourn  
6.30pm Evensong Lambourn

### Monday:

9.30am Prayers  
10.00am Parents & Toddlers  
5.00pm Governing Body Lambourn School

### Tuesday:

2.00pm Lambourn School Leavers Service  
St Michael's & All Angels  
7.00pm Chapter Hungerford

### Wednesday:

11.30am Holy Communion Harris Close

### Thursday:

8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice Lambourn  
New Ringers welcome.

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## Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 Saint Mary Magdalen

9.00am Family Communion East Garston  
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

### Readings

Song of Solomon 3:1 - 8; 2 Corinthians 5:14 - 17;  
John 29:1,2, 11 - 18.

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### 29th July St James the Greater

We will celebrate Eastbury's Patronal Festival with a Group Service at 10.30am followed by a bring and share lunch. Please put this in your diary.

**The Concert** by the Cromwell Singers and members of our own choir in memory of Tessa Rushforth was a great success and was enjoyed by the 120 plus people who attended. After costs, the concert made a profit of just over £800.00 which will be donated to the Motor Neurone Association and our church's Restoration account. Grateful thanks to all who helped make the event go smoothly, especially all those who prepared and provided food and nibbles, served the food, elderflower, and wine, and assisted on the Door. Many thanks to all who spontaneously helped restore the church in readiness for the following mornings service and dealt with the washing of the many glasses.

# Prayers and Readings

## The Collect for Today

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Amos 7:7 – 15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."'

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

## Ephesians 1:3 – 14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the

Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

## Mark 6:14 - 29.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.