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St. Michael Inkpen, St. Swithin Combe,

St. Michael Enborne,

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St. Laurence West Woodhay

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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for:

Tony Basden, Nigel Jenks, Steve Morgan, Alan Wood, Charmaine Pike, David Ashplant, Ruth Jarvis, Linda Tame, Maureen Leppard, Carol Jerrard, Val Osmond and Christine Kendall.

Notices & Diary Dates

Prayer List

Some people are, rightly, on our prayer list longterm. Other people only need to be on the list for a short period. Can everyone please let Christine Allsopp know regularly so that the list can be appropriately updated and she is informed of any pastoral needs.

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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welcome@lambourn-valley-benefice.website

Lambourn Valley Welcome

St James the Greater Eastbury All Saints East Garston St Michael & All Angels Lambourn

Sunday 16th December 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

The Week Ahead

Today 16th December

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Lambourn

9.30am Family Communion Eastbury

11.00am Crib Service Lambourn

12.15pm Baptism of Ollie Max Loveridge, Lambourn

6.00pm Carol Service East Garston

Monday 17th December

10.00am Parents & Toddlers Lambourn
1.30 – 3.30pm Food Bank Sacred Heart Hall

Wednesday 19th December

11.30am Holy Communion Harris Close

Thursday 20th December

8.00pm Bell ringing practice Lambourn

Friday 21st December

7.00pm Choir practice Lambourn

Next Sunday 23rd December 2018 4th Sunday of Advent

9.00am Family Communion East Garston 10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn 6.00pm Carol Service Lambourn

Readings

Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-55

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If you have a **Children's Society** saving box, which needs emptying, can you please pass it to Brian Fletcher who will send off the proceeds to the society along with the collection from the Christingle Service.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

O Lord Jesus Christ.

who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:

grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Short Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 12.2-end

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of
salvation. And you will say on that day:
Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.
Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Philippians 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' in reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him,

'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them,

Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you,' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. 'So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Notices & Diary Dates

All Age Worship planning. We have lost four of our key planners for all age worship with the departure of the Cawte and the Wise families. We are really keen to keep up the development of our all age worship. Please let Ruth Honey (01488 71158) know if you would be interested in helping.

Lambourn Valley Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support of the Lambourn Valley Foodbank. There has been a considerable increase in the use of the Foodbank in recent months and this is likely to be sustained during the Festive season. Items such as Long-life Milk, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, smash, beans and soup are always needed. We also try to provide soap, shower gel, shampoo and toilet rolls which are items people also need.

