

## Lambourn Valley Contacts

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## Deanery Prayer Cycle

### Hungerford with Denford

Mike Saunders, LLM Michael Morecroft,  
Alison Saunders  
St. Lawrence Hungerford

## 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 and Christine Kendall.

## Notices & Diary Dates

### Prayer List

Some people are, rightly, on our prayer list long-term. 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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please send, using all of the email address below to:-  
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## Lambourn Valley Welcome

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

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

#### 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December

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

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve

1.30 – 3.30pm Food Bank Sacred Heart Hall  
4.00pm Crib Service Eastbury

11.00pm Midnight Mass Lambourn

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-4 (5-12);  
John 1.1-14

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day

9.00am Christmas Communion East Garston

10.30am Christmas Communion Eastbury

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-4 (5-12);  
John 1.1-14.

10.30am Christmas Communion Lambourn

Readings: Isaiah 9. 2 - 7; Titus 2.11-14;  
Luke 2.1-14 (15-20).

### Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Group Communion Lambourn

### Readings

1 Samuel 2.18-20.26; Colossians 3.12-17;  
Luke 2.41-end

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### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the very many people in our three parishes who have contributed to our services and events during December, welcoming so many people to our churches. Thanks go to both those whose contributions have been visible and to those who have been at work "behind the scenes" - you know who you are!

*Christine Allsopp*

# Prayers and Readings



## The Collect for Today

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## The Short Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of  
the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

## Hebrews 10.5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## Luke 1.39-55

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for

joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely from now on on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

## Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Notices & Diary Dates

### 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.

**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.

