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Deanery Prayer Cycle

Shaw cum Donnington

Marion Wood.

St Mary Shaw cum Donnington

Prayers for People

We continue to pray for:

Tony Basden, Nigel Jenks, Alan Wood,
Charmaine Pike, David Ashplant, Ruth Jarvis,
Linda Tame, Maureen Leppard, Carol Jerrard ,
Christine Kendall, and Margaret Stewart.

Those who have died recently:

Evelyn (Mary) Gee, Alan Leslie Hawkins,
Raymond Hobbs.

Notices & Diary Dates

101st Birthday celebration

Ruth Jarvis celebrates her birthday at the Harris Close Coffee Morning on Tuesday. Maureen Rolfe has a birthday card for us to sign after the service today.

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 27th January 2019

Epiphany 4

Welcome to everyone!

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

The Week Ahead

Today 27th January

9.00am Family Communion, East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist, Lambourn
6.30pm Sung Evensong, East Garston

Monday 28th January

9.30 -10.00am Prayers, Lambourn
10.00am Parents and Toddlers, Lambourn
1.30pm - 3.30pm Food Bank, Sacred Heart Hall
7.30pm PCC, Lambourn

Thursday 31st January

8.00pm Good Friday Concert Rehearsal, Lambourn

Friday 1st February

10.00am Reception (F2) Service, Lambourn
7.00pm Choir Practice, Lambourn

Next Sunday 3rd February 2019 Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

10.30am Group Communion, Eastbury

Readings

Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-end;
Luke 2.22-40

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Update on appointment process

Following the Section 12 meeting between the three PCCs and Archdeacon Olivia, six parish representatives, two from each parish, have been elected to interview candidates for the post of Vicar of the Lambourn Valley Benefice. An advertisement has been agreed and will be published in the Church Times on Friday 25th January and Friday 1st February. The closing date is 15th February with interviews scheduled for 28th February. Please pray for all involved in the selection process and for a good response to the advertisement.

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the
mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Notices & Diary Dates

Next Sunday 3rd February – please note!

We have a Group Service of Holy Communion for
Candlemas at Eastbury 10.30am next Sunday
when our Area Dean, Mark Bennet,
will preside and preach.