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St. Michael Enborne,

St. Mary Hamstead Marshall,

St. Laurence West Woodhay

St. Mary the Virgin Kintbury with Avington

Prayers for People

We continue to pray for:

Nigel Jenks, Alan Wood, Charmaine Pike, David Ashplant, Ruth Jarvis, Linda Tame, Maureen Leppard, Margaret Stewart, Bill Stewart, David Heath, and Christine Randall.

Notices & Diary Dates

In **Lambourn:** Notice is hereby given that under the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment not later than 12th April. Forms are available from Moya Tong the Electoral Roll Officer.

In **Eastbury**: Completed Electoral Roll forms should be received by Tessa Partridge, the Electoral Roll Officer, by 17th March.

In **East Garston**: The closing date for completed Electoral Roll Forms has already passed.

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 17th March 2019 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

The Week Ahead

Today 17th March

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lambourn 9.30am Family Communion, Eastbury 11.00am Family Service, Lambourn

Monday 18th March

9.30 -10.00am Prayers, Lambourn 10.00am Parent and Toddlers, Lambourn 1.30pm - 3.30pm Food Bank, Sacred Heart Hall 2.00pm Lent Group, Mellor Cottage, Lambourn

Wednesday 20th March

7.30pm Lent Group, St Christopher's Lodge, Lambourn

Thursday 21st March

8.00pm Good Friday Concert Rehearsal, Lambourn

Friday 22nd March

7.00pm Choir Practice, Lambourn

Saturday 23rd March

8.45 for 9.00am Lent Group, Eastbury Church

Next Sunday 24th March 2019 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Readings

Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

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In **Lambourn** the making of the posies for **Mothering Sunday** will be on Saturday 30th March from 9.30am in church. If you can help on the day or donate flowers please contact Sandra 72587

Advance Dates for your Diary Good Friday Concert:

Lambourn Church Choir and Friends will be performing Vierne's Messe Solennelle, Three Motets by Stanford and Seek Him that maketh the seven stars on April 19th at 7.30pm in St Michael's. Please come!

Saturday 11th May: Lambourn Coffee morning

Sunday 7th July: Lambourn Church Fete

Prayers and Readings



The Collect for Today

Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,

that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Short Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of

Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Lent 2019 - Jars of Change Appeal In aid of Water Aid, Lambourn

Many communities in under developed countries in Africa suffer sickness from drinking dirty water. Friday, 22nd March is **World Water Day**, and this again falls during Lent. As in 2017 and 2018 we are, with your support, aiming to collect **Jars of Change** to further the work of Water Aid, to bring clean water to Malawi, one of the least developed and smallest African countries. Please see the poster on the porch notice board. Your Jars of Change should please be returned to church on Palm Sunday April 14th. Thank you.

Our generous God, a Quiet Evening, will be led by Bishop Andrew, Tuesday 19th March, St John's Newbury 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Flyers available near our church door. All welcome.