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Prayers for People

We continue to pray for: Robert Jefferys, Monica Eyre, Anthony Jefferson, Tony Basden, Sarah Brooks, Rev'd Tony Cumberlidge, Freda Scate, Rose Sasin, Rev'd Bill Stewart, Beth Furneaux, Annie Whittaker and Roger Burdett.

Deanery Prayer Cycle

West Downland Benefice

John Townend, Mary Harwood.
St. Andrew Chaddleworth, All Saints Brightwalton,
St. James Leckhampstead, St. Mary Fawley, St Swithin
Wickham, St. Gregory Welford, St. Mary Great Shefford,
St. Stephen Shefford Woodlands

Notices & Diary Dates

St Michael and All Angels Lambourn Help Required Please:

Our Church Fete is on **Sunday 21st June** at 2.30pm.

Visitors from Batlharos

Some 8 or 9 visitors from our Deanery's link parish in Kimberley & Kuruman Diocese South Africa are arriving in Newbury on 12th June and staying for one week. They will attend our Deanery Synod on 17th June in Thatcham and further information on their itinerary will emerge in the next few weeks. Offers of hospitality eg meals or transport round the deanery to Martin or direct to Wendy Willoughby Paul tel: 01635 201705
wendywp@waitrose.com

LAMBOURN WELCOME PACK

The spring is a popular time to move house, so please look out for people moving into Lambourn or into a new house in the parish, so that we can give them a Welcome Pack. Please give Christine (01488 764108 /venchrisallsopp@gmail.com) the address once someone has moved in. She will either give you a Welcome Pack for you to deliver to a neighbour or arrange delivery by a member of our Pastoral Care Team.

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 7th June 2015

**First Sunday after the Trinity
Welcome to everyone!
We are glad to have you join us
as we worship God in this church.**

The Week Ahead

Today:

9.00am Holy Communion BCP Eastbury
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Monday:

9.30am Prayers Lambourn

Wednesday:

7.30pm Filling Station Stanford in the Vale

Friday:

10.00am Pram Service

Next Sunday 14th June 2015

Second Sunday after the Trinity

9.00am Family Communion East Garston
10.30am Sung Eucharist Lambourn

Readings

1 Samuel 15.34 -16.13 ; 2 Corinthians 5. 6-17;
Mark4. 26-34

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Sunday 21st June Church Fete Lambourn

If you can help in anyway please contact Chris Couch.

Sunday 28th June Church Garden Fete Eastbury

Saturday 11th July East Garston Village Fete

25th July Beatie Wolfe Concert Lambourn

7.30 for 8.00pm ; Tickets £10 from Lambourn
Universal Stores or www.beatiewolf.com

Welcome to our newly sworn in Churchwardens following the Archdeacon's Visitation at Pangbourn last monday evening: Paul Reynolds, Merrita Jones, Bob Briant, Malcolm Rolfe and Bruce Laurie.

Many thanks to Sally Wright who has stood down as Churchwarden after 10 years service, which was very appropriately marked by our splendid Group Service last weekend.

The Prayers and Readings for Today



But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

The Collect for Today

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

1 Samuel 8:4 - 20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5.1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3:20 - 35

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.'

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us

with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
