

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 12th APRIL 2020
EASTER DAY

FOCUS ON ... EASTER

Central to the Easter faith of the church is that the bursting of the tomb which God accomplished in Christ assures us that, no matter how difficult and dark and challenging our own life journey may be at times, our Lord is with us in all things and He promises us new life in Him now and for eternity. This is the Easter message and it becomes even more significant in especially challenging times; and all the more so in such times of national international crisis that we find ourselves in the Eastertide season this year. It is said that there are four defining qualities to a crisis which is to say that it is unexpected, creates uncertainty, is a threat to important goals, and reflects a need for change (which means that a crisis is also an opportunity).

The resurrection is the most glorious and significant event imaginable! But we only truly begin to grasp its meaning if we are prepared to find it at work all around us. How we as a Church and as individuals look at the world affects whether or not the reality of the resurrection transforms our lives as it can and should. We need to look at our world, and our own personal situation and circumstances, in the light of what the Word of God teaches and through the living power of the resurrection. We do understand and grasp that we will not simply be handed the answers to the most fundamental and challenging questions with which life confronts us. And we do recognise that we need to look with the eyes of faith to discern where God is leading us, and where Christ's glory can be located, identified and revealed in the world around us.

This is at the heart of the Gospel message which we are called to proclaim as disciples and followers of Christ and which is rightly called "Good News"!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Tony Bundock

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THE OUTDOOR WOOD CROSS

The St. John's outdoor cross was erected on the corner of Church Lane and Main Road last week. It will remain in place until the end of Eastertide, making a powerful symbol of the church here in Lacey Green.

COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity, *Amen*.

READINGS FOR EASTER DAY

Acts Ch. 10 VV. 34 – 43
Colossians Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 4

John Ch. 20 VV. 1 – 18



YOUR GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION IN OUR COMMUNITY

At St John's we are very grateful to all our congregation and visitors for their kind and generous donations to the church. These donations are crucial in ensuring we can continue to operate (we don't receive any funding from the diocese to cover the cost of running the church), and the suspension of services is likely to have a very significant impact on church finances. For those donors who do not already donate by way of monthly standing order or weekly envelopes you may wish to consider either setting up a standing order or making a one-off donation.

Cheques (payable to PCC St John's Lacey Green) can be posted to our Treasurer, Caroline Gulliver, at Waterside, Bledlow Road, Princes Risborough HP27 9NG or bank transfers / standing orders set up using the following details:
Account Name: Parochial Church Council of St Johns Lacey Green Account No: 72102986 Sort Code: 40-24-17.

Weekly envelopes should continue to be filled each week and handed in all together once services are resumed. Pat Rushmere will shortly be arranging the distribution new packs of giving envelopes for the approaching tax year and she can provide them if new people would like to take advantage of this system. Thank you. *Canon Tony, The Churchwardens & The PCC*

Prayer Notes

- We pray for all parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and the souls of those who have died. We pray for those working in the NHS and Social Services who are working with the sick, the elderly and the disabled.
- We pray for those in our parish who are isolating themselves due to age or infirmity and those supporting them.
- For those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Irene Foord, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ron Goodearl, Phillipa King, Reverend Rob Brown and Barnaby Woods.
- For the recently departed, particularly for Ruth Barclay. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for Jo Niven and her family at this difficult time.
- For Peace and Resolution for the peoples of those countries where there is conflict or tension including countries in the Middle East, Ukraine, Nigeria, Venezuela, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong.
- For Comfort and mercy for the peoples of those countries, where there have been natural disasters, and for the aid agencies bringing relief.
- For our Government and Parliament at this time of uncertainty, that that MP's of all parties will come together in the National Interest.
- For migrants that they may receive justice and mercy.
- Safety for Christians and peoples of all faiths in danger that there may be a spirit of peace and understanding.
- For our mission and ministry in this community.
- For our Linked Parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.
- Thanks for our church community and our shared faith
- Thanks for all who help, in any way, in our Church.
- For our successful fundraising events this year.



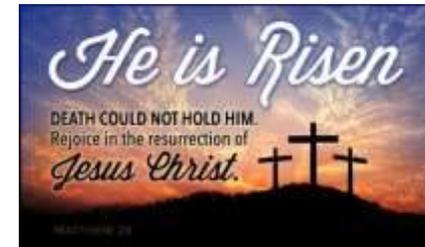
DIARY DATES / FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

Event	Date and time	Venue
Church Mice Praise and Play for Babies and Pre-schooler and their Families.	Currently on Hold	St. John's Church
Lent Course.	Currently on Hold	Various
Lent Lunches.	Currently on Hold	Various
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APM). Our Annual General meeting.	Currently on Hold	St. John's Church

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The Church of England guidance remains the same the church building being closed to Sunday worship. Although our usual pattern of Sunday Services and mid-week gatherings must be put on hold, this does not mean that the Church of England has shut up shop. Being a part of the Church of England is going to look very different in the days ahead. At least for the time being, our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at Church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day. We may not be able to pray for people in the ways that we are used to, but we can certainly pray for people. And we can certainly offer practical care and support.

Keep safe and please continue to pray for one another at this time.
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