


## DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
<b>Church Mice</b> Praise and Play for Babies and Pre-schooler and their Families. Contact Jenny Stothard / Sarah Cann (kindergymjenny@gmail.com)	Wednesdays, 2:00 pm (Excluding School Holidays)	St. John's Church 
<b>Christmas Tree Festival</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> December	St. John's Church
<b>Christingle Service</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (3:30 pm)	St. John's Church
<b>Churches Together Prayers for the General Election</b> (Selected churches open at the indicated times for Private Prayer).	11 <sup>th</sup> December (9:00 to 10:00 am) (12:00 to 1:00 pm) (7:00 to 8:00 pm)	St. John's Church Baptists Church, Princes Risb. St. Mary's PR
<b>Nine Lessons and Carols Service</b> by Candlelight	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (6:00 pm)	St. John's Church

## FOLLOW THE STAR



A pocket-sized booklet commended by the Archbishops and Canterbury and York for a spiritual journey through the 12 days of Christmas travelling in the footsteps of the Wise Men. It contains 14 daily reflections from Christmas Eve up to and including Epiphany. Each day has a short bible passage, a prayer, a reflection, and a challenge to reflect or act differently. Booklets cost £1.50 each. There is a list in church for those who would like to order one (or more).

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS UPDATES

Recent fundraising event have been very successful. They have not only raised funds but have been great fellowship events. Thanks to all who organised, help with and attended the events

- The **Christmas Fayre** held on 16<sup>th</sup> November raised around £1,300.
- The **Dinner Dance** held on 19th October raised £4,622.39.

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP



SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

St. John's is a member Church of the Risborough Team Ministry. We seek to be very much a family church and to be known as being very welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds; and actively supportive of our two Parish Schools.

St. John's Church dates from 1825 and was originally a "Chapel of Ease" attached to the Parish of Princes Risborough. The chancel and sanctuary at the East end were added later when the chapel was converted into a parish church in 1851. Our organ is a rare Samuel Green organ, and it is older than the church itself, dating from 1792. It was originally a parlour organ in a large country house before being brought to St. John's and modified. The organ is located in the former Vicar's Vestry, on the North side of the chancel.

Our Team Vicar for St. John's is the Reverend Canon Tony Bundock. Prior to joining the Risborough Team, Conon Tony served in Team Ministries both in the St. Albans Diocese and the Leeds Diocese.

[www.stjohnschurchlaceygreen.co.uk](http://www.stjohnschurchlaceygreen.co.uk)

## Worship in St John's Church

### Weekly Services:

#### SUNDAY

8:00 am Said Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
10:00 am Parish Communion (with **Junior Church** term times, *except 1st Sunday of each month for All Age Worship*)

#### TUESDAY

9:30 am Said Communion (Common Worship)

Vicar	Rev. Canon Tony Bundock	01844 347741
Team Rector	Rev. David Williams	01844 346984
Churchwardens	Mrs Pat Rushmere	01844 345452
	Mrs Margaret Gray	01844 347094

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever, *Amen*.

## READINGS FOR TODAY

Isaiah Ch. 11 VV. 1 – 10  
Romans Ch. 15 VV. 4 – 13

Matthew Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 12.



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

## PRAYER NOTES

- For those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Irene Foord, Ruth Barclay, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson and Ron Goodearl.
- For the recently departed, notably Colin Rushmere. May their souls rest in peace. Also, we pray for their families 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, Hong Kong and Turkey.
- 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 own Country, Government and Parliament at this time of uncertainty, that that MP's 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.

## ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY SERVICES

### Advent 2 - 8<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church  
3.30pm Christingle Service - in aid of Children's Society

### Advent 3 - 15<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church  
6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

### Advent 4 - 22<sup>nd</sup> December

8am Holy Communion BCP  
10am Parish Communion

### Christmas Eve

3.30pm Crib Service  
11.15pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

### Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion BCP  
10am Parish Communion with Carols

### St. John the Evangelist - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Holy Communion (followed by drinks & cake)

### Christmas 1 - 29<sup>th</sup> December

8am Holy Communion BCP  
10am Parish Communion

### 2020

### Christmas 2 - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January

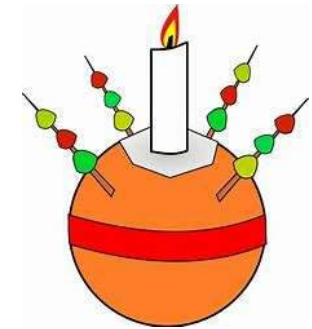
8am Holy Communion BCP  
10am All Age Service of the Epiphany  
3.30pm Choral Evensong - Eve of the Epiphany

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Feast of the Epiphany

### NO SERVICE

### Baptism of Jesus - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church  
3.30pm Epiphany Carol Service



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

3:30 pm

St. John's Lacey  
Green

*In aid of Children's  
Society*