


DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Church Mice 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 
Footprints – a service for anyone who has lost a child at any stage of life, from pregnancy to adulthood. Refreshments will be served after the service. More details from Rev. Sue Morton (suemorton131@gmail.com / 01494 639286)	Friday 13 th March (7:30 pm)	Holy Trinity Church, Church Path Lane, <u>Lane End.</u>
Leprosy Mission Talk. Shelia Gabbott from Princes Risborough Baptist Church will be giving a talk on the work of the Leprosy Mission as the Sermon.	Sunday 15 th March (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Palm Sunday. We will be celebrating Palm Sunday at the main service including processing with palm branches into the church (weather permitting) and narration of the Gospel of the Passion.	Sunday 5 th April (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Holy Week. Advanced notice that we will be holding a programme of services during Holy Week including a Communion Service followed by Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday and a service of contemplation on Good Friday.	6 th to 11 th April (Times, TBC)	St. John's Church



The Risborough Team and Churches Together in Risborough will be following the same Lent Course for 2020.

A reminder for those signed up that the St. John's Lacey Green's Lent Group will be hosted by Ken & June Brazier at Maplehurst, Loosley Row on Thursday (mostly) **evenings** on 12th, and 26th March and 2nd April (**7:00 pm**). The sessions on 19th March will be held at another venue.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP



SUNDAY 8th March 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent

You are warmly welcomed to St. John's Church in Lacey Green, particularly if you are new to our congregation or are a visitor. St. John's is a member Church of the Risborough Team Ministry, serving the parish of Lacey Green, Loosely Row and Speen. We aim to be a family church, welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds and we actively support 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 date from 1851, when the chapel was converted into a parish church. Our Samuel Green organ dates from 1792 and is older than the church building. It was originally a parlour organ in a large country house before being brought to St. John's and modified in stages between around 1860 and 1920. It is located in the former Vicar's Vestry, off the chancel.

Our Team Vicar for St. John's is the Reverend Canon Tony Bundock. His previous incumbencies were in Team Ministries in the St. Albans and Leeds dioceses.

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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

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Team Rector

Rev. David Williams

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Churchwardens

Mrs Pat Rushmere

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Mrs Margaret Gray

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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., *Amen.*

READINGS FOR TODAY

Genesis Ch. 12 VV. 1 – 4a.
Romans Ch. 4 VV. 1 – 5 & VV.
13 – 17.
John Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 17.



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, *Amen.*

Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches with simple fare will be held on Wednesdays (mostly) from this week. Attendance is free with requested donations to the charity nominated by the host. Please speak to the host to confirm details including venue and time:

- 11th March by Pat Rushmere. In aid of the Tanzania Charity.
- 18th March – at the Vicarage. In aid of the Leprosy Mission.
- 25th March – *to be arranged.*
- 31st March – by Margaret Gray. In aid of the Children's Society.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Canon Tony will provide more details, but just to let you know that during the past week the Church of England has issued updated guidance following the UK Government publishing a Coronavirus Action Plan. As a result of this updated guidance St. Johns will be:

- Recommending that all members of the congregation do not shake hands during the Peace.
- For the present, we will be retaining the common cup during the Communion and leave it to individual discretion as to whether they receive communion in both kinds (it is perfectly valid to just receive the Bread.). If you have a cold or cough we would recommend you only receive the Bread.
- In line with the updated national guidance we will be suspending having a separate Intinction Chalice for the time being. If you do not wish to use the common cup then you should receive the Bread only.
- As St. John's those who are handing the elements and vessels are using alcohol-based hand sanitiser. The vessels are being washed after the Sunday 10:00 service. This is our standard routine anyway.

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, Ron Goodearl, Phillipa King and Barnaby Woods.
- For the recently departed, 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 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. Currently we particularly pray parts of the UK affected by the recent flooding. And for those affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19).
- 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.