


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 
Lent Lunches. See separate entry on Pew Sheet	March 2020	Various
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
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APM). Our annual General meeting. <u>Please put the date in your diary and make every effort to attend.</u> Election of new PCC Members (volunteers welcome) and presentation of annual reports.	26 th April (~ 11:15 am after the 10:00 service)	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 March and 2nd April (**7:00 pm**). The session on 19th March will be held at another venue – please see Tony, pat or Margaret for more details.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP



SUNDAY 15th March 2020
3rd 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	01844 347741
Team Rector	Rev. David Williams	01844 346984
Churchwardens	Mrs Pat Rushmere	01844 345452
	Mrs Margaret Gray	01844 347094

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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, *Amen*.

READINGS FOR TODAY

Exodus Ch. 17 VV. 1 – 7.
Romans Ch. 5 VV. 1 – 11.
John Ch. 4 VV. 5 – 42.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches with simple fare will be held on during the weeks in Lent. 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:

- 18th March – at the Vicarage. In aid of the Leprosy Mission.
- 23rd March – by Ann Bartlett. In aid of Marie Curie.
- 31st March – by Margaret Gray. In aid of the Children's Society.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

During the past week the Church of England has issued further updated guidance which means in turn we will be making the following changes:

- Strong recommendation that all members of the congregation etc. do not shake hands during the Peace or make any other physical contact.
- Suspension of laying on of hands / receiving a blessing during Communion.
- We will be suspending use of the common cup (chalice) during the Communion with all communicants receiving communion by one kind, i.e. the consecrated bread / wafer / host (it is perfectly valid to just receive the bread) with the priest alone taking the consecrated wine.
- We have the toilet available with soap and water for those who wish to wash their hands, particularly on arrival at the church, and after the service.
- Suspending the serving of tea & coffee after the 10:00 service.
- At 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.

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 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.