

Holy Son, we pray that we may learn again to love one another as you loved us; and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Especially, we pray at this time for those invisible to the world; the poor and homeless, the refugees, and those addicted or abused. We bring them to you now.

Holy Spirit, be with those in need at this time; bring your light to those in a dark place- the fearful, those concerned about their job or finances, those with family members who are vulnerable or suffering and the bereaved. Support all those who minister to those in need in our hospitals and care sectors and all key workers who risk their lives for the sake of others. Protect them we pray.

We bring all these prayers to you knowing that you will hear us when we pray in your name.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. Amen.



Weekly 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, Care Homes 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. We also pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and need our prayers at this time, including Irene Ford, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ron Goodearl, Phillipa King, Ian Goodearl and Barnaby Woods.
- We pray for the souls of the departed, particularly at this time for the soul of Sheila Wicks, mother of Sue Ashton. We pray for Sue and her family that they may receive courage, comfort and strength at this difficult time.
- We pray at this time for the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman, which have been badly affected by Covid-19. For our Linked Parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.
- 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. And for comfort and mercy for their peoples. For migrants that they may receive justice and mercy.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2020
6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

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.

UPDATE – WORSHIP IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

After over three months of not having services at St. John's, following a change in rules from the Church of England and the church building being prepared, limited services have resumed at St. John's, with the first service, a Said Communion, being held on Tuesday. Sunday services resume at 10:00 am (BST) only this Sunday for those wishing to attend. The regular Sunday on-line service on Zoom will now be held at 11:00 am (BST).

As you may have seen in the press, currently singing in Church or playing wind instruments is not allowed. Holy Communion will be in one kind only (as was the case for several weeks before the lock-down) and the 2-metre social distancing requirement will apply. Contact details of those attending will need to be recorded in a suitable notebook and details kept for 3 weeks. All attendees will be provided with an A5 sized guidance sheet containing "Do's and Don'ts" based on information from the Diocese of Oxford.

Weekly Services:

SUNDAY	
10:00 am	Said Communion (Common Worship)
11:00 am	On-line Morning Worship on Zoom
TUESDAY	
9:30 am	Said Communion (Common Worship)

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FOCUS ON... THE WHEAT AND TARES

I have heard it said that some gardeners say that a weed is simply a plant in the wrong place. This is probably true, yet most gardeners know that weeds can crowd out the vegetables and flowers that they are trying to grow and undermine all their hard work. Perhaps you know the story of the passer-by who said to a gardener working in his notably beautiful garden – “isn't it wonderful what God has done in your garden”. To which the gardener replied, yes but you should have seen the mess it was in when he looked after it on his own"! Most people who have laboured long hours in a garden know the experience of weeding a cultivated area – whether it be a flowerbed, a vegetable patch or an allotment – only to find that in no time the weeds appear to have sprung up again, just as strongly as before.

In last Sunday's reading from St. Matthew's Gospel we heard the familiar parable of the sower, and this week we are given the parable of the “wheat and weeds”, or “tares”, as the old version has it. In explaining the parable, Jesus speaks not of spoiled crops but of patience in the face of finding that weeds appeared among the wheat. He tells of a time coming when the divine order of the Kingdom of God will be restored in its fullness. A time when justice will be done and be seen to be done. But God the Gardener does not rush to pull up the weeds, so to speak, but gardens with patience. This encourages us to understand and appreciate our own part in the whole of creation. And also, to recognise that it takes careful and thoughtful reflection, as well as active participation, to work through the “weeds” of our problems and fears together.

We do face many major challenges in our world, including of course the global pandemic that we are currently experiencing; as well as our ongoing duty to garner the world's resources wisely and justly. And there are the issues that arise from the challenge of climate change, when the delicate balance of our ecosystem seems to have been disrupted by years of careless and clumsy husbandry for which many experts tell us that we are starting to pay the price. Yet God's promise is to be there with us as we carry out the slow and careful work of restoration and nurture of our Planet Earth. The promise that God will hold our hand as we work at these key issues can be enough to give us all the courage that we need.

Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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*.



ZOOM SERVICE FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This Sunday's Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony and start at the new time of **11:00 am** BST. The hymns will be led by Cher and the Mole Family with other members of the congregation taking part. Details have been supplied in the Zoom specific email but are also shown here again:

Topic: My Meeting
Time: Jul 19, 2020 **11:00** AM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72326900100?pwd=QkdWRVRBZ0E2N3JNRGZmVW9TL0tLdz09>

Meeting ID: 723 2690 0100
Passcode: nYeJb0

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READINGS FOR 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 11)

Isaiah Ch. 44 V. 6 – 8.
Romans Ch. 8 VV. 12 – 25.

Matthew Ch. 13 VV. 24 – 30 & VV. 36
– 43.

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

(Intercessions will be led by Graham King, LLM)

In this season of Trinity, let us pray to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Holy Father, creator God, we pray for your creation. May we nurture and care for it, sharing its abundant resources fairly amongst all. May we protect it for future generations as you intend.

