

Even if I fail today and fall short, You whisper Your unconditional love deep into my soul and remind me that Your mercies are new every morning. That truly amazes me, Lord. Thank You for meeting with me today.

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

- 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, Ian 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.
- 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 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 and for the peacekeeping and aid agencies bringing relief.
- For our Government and Parliament at this time of uncertainty, and 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 church family and our mission and ministry in this community.

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# PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing  
SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020  
**8<sup>TH</sup> 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, limited services have resumed at St. John's, with the Said Communion services being held on Tuesdays at 9:30 am and on Sundays at 10:00 am (BST) only for those wishing to attend. The regular Sunday on-line service on Zoom will now be held at 11:00 am (BST). Unfortunately, 8:00 am Services on Sundays remain suspended for the present.

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 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. Current guidance is that wearing a face mask is strongly recommended and is expected to become mandatory within the next few weeks.

### 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 FEEDING OF THE 5,000

The story of the Feeding of the 5000 reveals the ministry of Jesus to be involved in the everyday lives and needs of the people around him. This is what the theological word “incarnation” means — God becoming a human being and showing us what it means to live an authentic human life. On the one hand this involves the “secular” things that are part of our existence: work, home, recreation, as well, indeed, as the very difficult experiences of suffering and death. Think of all of these things as represented, for example, by our left hand.

Yet on the other hand, let’s say the right hand, there are what might be described as the “spiritual” things, that which we seek to engage with through our Church Services: worship of God, prayers, reading of the Bible – and not least being brought close to God in the sacrament of Holy Communion. If we take these two aspects of life and mesh our hands and fingers we are, of course, putting our hands together in prayer. And this imagery of hands joined in prayer is illustrated in the bringing together the hunger of 5000 people with the person of Jesus who took earthly resources and blessed them in order to answer their needs.

One hand on its own, the worldly side, is insufficient to live a full and complete life. That requires the other hand, the spiritual side of the presence of the Living God to complete it. That is what sacrament of the eucharist affirms. We use the physical means of bread and wine to bring us the spiritual gifts that come from God. It is the joining of the material and the spiritual — the putting of the “hands” together as we do when we pray. The well-known story of the feeding of the 5000 does indeed convey a wide variety of messages. But perhaps the illustration of the hands joined in prayer can be one we might especially wish to focus on in these challenging times in which we find ourselves to be.

Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Topic: My Meeting  
Time: Aug 2, 2020 **11:00** AM London

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72871529396?pwd=Wk4zQ3QxU2wxOVphZ3MyTkhnUTBxQT09>

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## READINGS FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 13)

Isaiah Ch. 55 VV. 1 – 5  
Romans Ch. 9 VV. 1 – 5

Matthew Ch. 14 VV. 13 – 21

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

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*(Intercessions during the services will be led by Roger Wilkes)*

Dear Lord, I do not know who or what will cross my path today. But I do know that You are my Rock and my Fortress. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower. Help me to anchor myself to You today. Teach me how to stand strong in You and choose only Your way today.

Help me walk by Your truth and not my feelings. Help me to embrace anything that comes my way as an opportunity to see You at work and as an opportunity to point others to You. Thank You that You love me and nothing can ever take that away from me!