

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 the people of the parish of St. Peters, Kampala in Uganda following the destruction of the church they had built.
- 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.
- We pray for Lebanon and the City of Beirut following the recent devastating explosion and major fire at the port.
- For our Government and Parliament at this time of uncertainty, 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, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
Sunday 13th September 2020
14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

You are warmly welcomed to St. John's Church, 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. Both our Sunday services will be led by Canon Tony.

WORSHIP IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Although government guidance over group meetings has changed during the past week with new rules coming into force from Monday 14th September, currently there are no changes to regular worship in churches because places of worship are considered to be "Covid-secure venues" so they are exempt from the 6 people limit for services of public worship and private prayer. However, groups inside church should not be more than 6 persons, groups should not combine and there must be social distancing between groups. So, in other words we continue to follow existing procedures.

So, the limited services at St. John's will continue, 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 continue be held at 11:00 am (BST). Unfortunately, 8:00 am Services on Sundays remain suspended for the present.

Holy Communion will continue to 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. When attending worship in church you must continue to wear a face mask within the church building apart from the celebrant, those reading lessons / leading intercessions and during receipt of Holy Communion.

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)

FOCUS ON... FORGIVENESS

In 2015, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama met together for a time at the Dharamsala Buddhist meditation centre in north-west India to discuss the meaning of "joy". Their conversations were transcribed in a book called "The Book of Joy"; sub-titled "finding happiness in an uncertain world". "The ultimate source of happiness is within us," said the Dalai Lama, "not money, not power, not status, which fail to bring inner peace. Outward attainment will not bring real inner joyfulness. We must look inside." Archbishop Tutu added: "Sometimes life can be challenging, and we can feel lost. But the seeds of joy are born inside each of us. I invite you to join His Holiness and me in creating more joy in our world."

Among the many spiritual and moral insights of "The Book of Joy" is that hanging on to unresolved resentments, withholding forgiveness, not letting go of embitterment, this is the path that greatly hampers our ability to experience the inner joy of which the Archbishop and the Dalai Lama speak in the book and which brings true contentment and happiness in life. In other words, if we hold back forgiveness of others, we are hurting ourselves and damaging our ability to know true joy and peace of mind. And to truly forgive ourselves, to know ourselves to be forgiven, we have to forgive others. Only then will we learn, as so many others have learned, how much goodness comes from forgiveness. It is a prerequisite of being forgiven that we forgive others. And simply leave the rest to God – mindful that only God can truly forgive us and other people in the deepest sense. Forgiveness does not necessarily come easily. It has a cost. That is because our human nature so often gets in the way. The Church, then, should be a place where people catch a glimpse of God's kingdom on earth, a kingdom abounding in grace, abounding in joy, where all are welcome, and all are forgiven.

Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This Sunday's Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony with assistance from Graham King 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 are being supplied in the email sending out this Pew sheet, and are as follows:

Topic: Morning Prayer
Time: Sep 13, 2020 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74715011698?pwd=SWVmWVVxNkhocXFNYll1clprM01MZz09>

Meeting ID: 747 1501 1698

Passcode: 26ixKp

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READINGS FOR 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 19)

Genesis Ch. 50 VV. 15 – 21
Romans Ch. 14 VV. 1 – 12

Matthew Ch. 18 VV. 21 – 35

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

(Intercessions during the services will be led by James Nisbet)

Lord, we pray for all families at this time as children return to schools and parents return to workplaces. Let us not forget the importance of our family relationships and help us to nurture and protect those closest to us with your guidance.

As autumn approaches, we give thanks for all the richness of summer and pray that our hearts may remain filled with hope for the coming months. Keep our minds free from concerns and focused on the tasks that lie ahead, filling our souls with love and compassion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

