

We thank you and pray for our NHS and all Medical Personnel that they may be courageous and compassionate. We pray for Scientists working continually to discover a Vaccine to halt the spread of Coronavirus. Inspire all peoples to act sensibly to combat and STOP Covid 19 from causing further havoc. We pray for those who need Operations and Hospital care whose treatment has been interrupted. Lord, help them to be patient, understanding, and to survive.

We pray for grieving families who may have lost a loved one recently in whatever circumstances. Accept those loved ones into your everlasting light and love. With You Lord, nothing is impossible and we leave ourselves in your care. Amen.

This Week you are Asked to Pray 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, Jill Baker and Sally Zeybek.
- The recently departed, may their souls rest in peace, and their families.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with
- 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.

HARVEST GIFTS

Thank you for last Sunday's Harvest Gifts, which have been taken to the Risborough Food Cupboard at St. Mary's Church. The following is from an email; "*On behalf of the Food Cupboard I would like to thank you and St John's for the very generous donations of food from your harvest festival service. The donations have swelled our stores considerably, and we are very grateful indeed.*".

CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to all who donated to Christian Aid last Sunday. Envelopes are still available in church should you still wish to donate. Donations to this worthy cause form part of our 2020 Charitable Giving.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2020
18TH 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. The Sunday 10:00 am service in church will be led by Rev. Peter Viney. Canon Tony will lead the 11:00 am service on Zoom.

WORSHIP IN CHURCH – COVID-19 MEASURES

Government guidance over group meetings currently remains the same. 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 continue to remain suspended.

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... THE MESSIANIC BANQUET

In the Parable of the Wedding Banquet in Chapter 22 of St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of a Wedding Feast to illustrate the inauguration of God's kingdom. In the story, many who would be expected to accept the invitation choose not to do so; and at least one person ignores the dress code. In Jewish tradition the Messianic Banquet was an image signifying the ending of the present age and the heralding of the life to come. In the Christian tradition, the Wedding Banquet became a metaphor for the Kingdom of God in its fullness; and also symbolic of the celebration of the Eucharist which has a three-fold layered meaning of past, present and future. The Eucharistic is a solemn remembering of the Last Supper and the saving events of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it is a re-presenting of those historic events in the present-day, it is an anticipation of the future events of the Kingdom of God in the fullness of its glory which the imagery of the Messianic Banquet symbolises. St. Matthew is telling his readers that here indeed is God's Son, speaking in fact just days before he faces the Cross. So, then, who is it who will choose to accept the invitation? Who will choose to clothe themselves in righteousness? In making that choice, we embark on a journey of transformation in and by the power of the Holy Spirit. And this is an ongoing process. But, as we have been called by God, we are not being asked to do what we cannot do; only what is within our powers to be able to do. And Jesus urges us to say yes to him, not just once, but time and again in an ongoing commitment to daily take up our Cross and follow him. This is the way of life in the Messianic Kingdom. Whatever the starting point for our response to God's Kingdom invitation we need to take on Kingdom ways. With all our sins and failings, as it were, covered by Christ's sacrifice, we are called to live clothed in the ways of love, mercy, compassion, truth, and justice.

Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 18TH 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: Oct 11, 2020 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74715011698?pwd=SWVmVVVxNkhocXFNYll1clprM01MZZ09>

Meeting ID: 747 1501 1698
Passcode: 26ixKp

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READINGS FOR 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Isaiah Ch. 25 VV. 1 – 9
Philippians Ch. 4 VV. 1 – 9

Matthew Ch. 22 VV. 1 – 14

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

(INTERCESSIONS DURING THE SERVICES WILL BE LED BY JUNE BRAZIER)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing us safely to this day. We acknowledge your Power in our prayers. We ask for World Peace, for resolution of any conflict, and for Aid workers to reach the homeless and hungry. Let the message of your Gospel spread throughout the World.

We thank you for St. John's Church and school, for Rev. Tony and our Church family. We ask for safety and guidance for our communities of Loosley Row, Lacey Green and Speen. Let us be aware of our neighbours needs and act accordingly.