

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), and those who are ill.
- 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.

FUTURE EVENTS AT ST. JOHNS

- 1st November at 10:00 am. During the main service we will mark All Saints Day and our annual **ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION**. A list has been put in the church for people to add names of those they wish to be commemorated during the service. Please speak to Canon Tony or the Churchwardens for more details.
- 1st November at 12 noon. Our **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**. This year it will be an online Zoom meeting for which a separate Zoom link will be sent out in addition to the Zoom link for the 11am online Morning Prayer service on that day. A document pack has been prepared for emailing out with some copies available in church for collection.
- 22nd November at 3:30 pm. Our **ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICE** at St. John's.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

**Week Commencing
SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020
BIBLE SUNDAY**

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 and the 11:00 am service on Zoom will both be led by Canon Tony.

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 to 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... BIBLE SUNDAY

The Bible is still a best seller in today's world and is certainly the best-read book in the history of the world. The Bible has now been translated into over 1500 languages. It consists of books written by many different authors over many hundreds of years, and so we say that the Bible is really a library of books. Taken as a whole, the Bible is a collection of history, poetry, drama, prophecy, law, philosophy, and many other things besides. However, it is important to realise that it is primarily theology. In other words, we do not turn to the Bible for accurate geography or history, or for a scientific explanation of the creation. Instead, we turn to the Bible for understanding of God's ways of dealing with humankind. Almost every kind of human experience – both good and bad – is in some way to be found in the Bible. For the Christian, the Bible taken as a whole is "salvation history", the record of God's saving work which Christians identify to be pre-figured in the Old Testament; explicitly revealed to us the New Testament; and supremely disclosed in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. This is the reason why the four Gospels are treated with special reverence in our Eucharistic worship. Why it is we stand to hear the Gospels read out in Church and take the Gospel book in procession to the place where it is to be read. Because the Gospels represent for us the words of Jesus spoken directly to his Church.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to love God with our whole being and to love others as Jesus loves them. We are called to listen for the words of God with humility and a willingness to grow in our faith. If we follow that calling we will help to bring the word of God alive so as to be seen and heard by people who need to hear it and receive it in their hearts; and who will learn to know and love it for themselves.

Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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 BIBLE SUNDAY

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 25, 2020 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72042356058?pwd=TTlwOUExSIE2R0Y5bDJGeWdqVVVhOUt09>

Meeting ID: 720 4235 6058
Passcode: G49Rkr

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READINGS FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

Nehemiah Ch. 8 VV. 1 – 12
Colossians Ch. 3 VV. 12 – 17

Matthew Ch. 24 VV. 30 – 35

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (INTERCESSIONS DURING THE SERVICES WILL BE LED BY ROGER WILKES)

Dear Lord, thank You for Your written Word and the mighty truths it contains. We pray that in the power of Your Holy Spirit, You would open our hearts and minds to the truths that You wish us to see. Prepare our hearts and open our minds, we pray, and give us a teachable spirit that is receptive to all that You would have us learn today and this week.

Guide us into all truth and prevent our own internal voices from speaking out of turn or drowning out the still small voice to Your Holy Spirit. And should we stray from the truth of Your word, we would ask that we would not retain any error but rather that we would remember the truth. May we grow in grace and in a knowledge of the Lord Jesus today. Feed our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving we pray. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com>, with some changes by the Editor.