

ADVERTISEMENTS

Following the resignation of our independent examiner we are looking for someone to take up this voluntary position for the 2020 accounts and onwards. The accounts and record books are usually ready for inspection by mid-February and need to be reviewed before the APCM, usually at the end of March / beginning of April. No qualifications are required other than a sound financial understanding. If you, or anyone you know would be willing to carry out this small but essential role, then either Pat Rushmere or Caroline Gulliver would be delighted to hear from you.

ONE CAN TRUST. The (plastic) One Can Trust donation box outside the church has been removed as the last drop off day at the depot was last Friday. All donations have now been delivered & were gratefully received, so thanks for the donations which will have helped struggling families at this time. We will let you know when the service is resumed.

DOORSTEP CAROLS

A small group of ministers belonging to Churches Together in Risborough have been discussing an idea to spread the good news of Christmas this year by way of singing carols outside our front door as a way to bless our neighbours this Christmas and inviting them to join us in the carol singing. An idea that initially began at a local level has been picked up and developed by a national campaign - see details of the national campaign on <https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/>. The Churches Together in Risborough proposal is to sing the carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" outside our front doors at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Invitations with words of the carol have been distributed by email for you to use in inviting friends and neighbours to join in.

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, Jenny King, Beryl Palmer and Sally Zeybek.
- The recently departed, including Jill Baker, may their souls rest in peace. And for their families at this difficult time.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and those caring for them. For the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2020
CHRISTMAS DAY

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.

During this Christmastide, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions we will be offering a revised programme of services (see Page 3 of this Pewsheets). Some of these services will be available on-line only via Zoom, broadcast in many cases from the church. The 10:00 am GMT service on Christmas Morning will be held in church and broadcast on Zoom for those who do not wish to attend in person. On Sunday 27th December we will mark the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St. John the Evangelist, at a Morning Worship Service on Zoom at 10.00 am GMT.

All of us at St. John's wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Weekly Services:

SUNDAY

10:00 am Said Morning Worship (On Zoom Only for 27th Dec)

TUESDAY

9:30 am Said Communion (Common Worship)

WORSHIP IN CHURCH – COVID-19 MEASURES

Buckinghamshire is now in **Tier 4**, but collective worship is still permitted providing that the required Social Distancing and other requirements are in force:

- Groups inside church should not be more than 6 persons. Groups should not combine and there must be social distancing between groups.
- Holy Communion will continue to be in one kind only and the 2-metre social distancing requirement and hand sanitising will apply.
- Contact details of those attending will need to be recorded and 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.
- **For the Christmas Services, please ensure that you only attend services at the church which are marked as being open for congregations to attend, which this year is only the 10:00 am Service on Christmas Day.** Regrettably, all other Christmas services are on-line only. We have had to take this decision to keep our Parishioners safe.

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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*.

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY



Isaiah Ch. 52 VV. 7 – 10
Hebrews Ch. 1 VV. 1 –12

John Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 14

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (INTERCESSIONS DURING THE SERVICES WILL BE LED BY JUNE BRAZIER)

Heavenly Father, on this Christmas day we thank You for the greatest present of all, Your only Son. The circumstances of His birth fill us with awe and wonder. Like the shepherds and wise men, we come to bow down and worship Him. Peace and Joy and Blessings flow all around the world. As Jesus was meek and humble and compassionate to all people, we pray we may grow like Him, and spread Your holy word and light. As You listen to our prayers, let us listen for Your answer, and do Your will. Amen

CHRISTMAS SERVICES WITH ZOOM LINKS

The programme of Christmas Services for 2020 is as follows:

- **Christmas Eve 3.30 pm. Crib Service** – an **online only** service broadcast from the church building. Zoom Link:

Topic: Crib Service
Time: Dec 24, 2020 03:30 PM London



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81179636656?pwd=WUxjRIUvS05PMFM0UjhvK1BMVGt1dz09>
Meeting ID: 811 7963 6656
Passcode: 175566

- **Christmas Eve 9.00 pm. A Service of Lessons and Carols** – an **online only** service broadcast from the church building. The Zoom Link is:

Topic: Early Midnight Service
Time: Dec 24, 2020 09:00 PM London



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84345913155?pwd=UUxhcFNZekZBdUwzMXhwcW9TR21QUT09>
Meeting ID: 843 4591 3155
Passcode: 181948

- **Christmas Morning 10.00 am Said Holy Communion – Collective Worship in church** with an outdoor carol at the end. A physical service in the church building but also broadcast to those who wish to join us online. The Zoom Link is:

Topic: Christmas Day Service
Time: Dec 25, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87826712298?pwd=YIU5b0FveHdwNThGZ0hGT3U1aIR3UT09>
Meeting ID: 878 2671 2298
Passcode: 637319



- **Sunday 27th December St. John's Day 10.00 am** – an **online only** Morning Worship service with hymns broadcast from the church building. The Zoom link is:

Topic: St John's Day Service
Time: Dec 27, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82668999855?pwd=cXFZcHlzb0luOXRXS3VYcGcxZC9WQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 6899 9855
Passcode: 901784

