

LICENSING SERVICE FOR THE NEW TEAM VICAR FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S

The Licensing Service of the Reverend Peter Godden as Team Vicar for St. Dunstan's will take place at St. Dunstan's on Tuesday 13th July at 7.30pm. This is expected to be an in-person service.

ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE TRUST 130 DONATION OFFER

If you are renewing your home insurance, would you consider obtaining a quote from Ecclesiastical Insurance? For any policy taken out with them they will donate £130 to St John's Church and there is no limit on the donations they will make. The number to call is 0800 7830 130 and quote TrustP21.

ONE CAN TRUST



The One Can donation box is outside the Church so that we can continue to make our gifts to this worthy cause. Caroline will continue to take what has been collected on our behalf and deliver it to the main collection centre. Thanks very much to everyone who continues to support this cause.

Please see the One Can Trust Web Site (www.onecantrust.org.uk) for further details on the scheme and current urgent needs.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 25th April 2021
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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. Our Sunday service will be led by our Vicar, Canon Tony.

WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S – UPDATE

From Sunday 25th April the PCC have concluded that it will be safe to resume in-church worship on Sundays and Tuesdays using the same pattern of worship used before the third National Lockdown. We will be continuing to hold an on-line service on Zoom, but this will revert to 11:00 am. So, the pattern of services going forward will be as follows:

- Sundays – 10:00 am – In-church Said Parish Communion Service.
- Sundays – 11:00 am – On-line Morning Worship with Hymns (Zoom).
- Tuesdays – 09:30 am – In-church Said Parish Communion Service.

For the in-church services, 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. 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 for This Week:

SUNDAY

10:00 am

In-church Said Parish Communion Service

11:00 am

On-line Morning Worship with Hymns on Zoom

TUESDAY

9:30 am

On-line Celtic Morning Worship on Zoom

FOCUS ON... ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

The Gospel of Saint Mark is believed to have been the earliest of the four Gospels to have been written and is customarily dated to the period between AD65 and AD75. Saint Mark is said to have been born in Cyrene in Libya; and he is identified with John Mark, who is mentioned in several places in the New Testament. This led to him being identified as the man who carried water to the house where the Last Supper took place (Mark 14:13), and as the young man who ran away naked when Jesus was arrested (Mark 14:51–52). According to Church tradition, Saint Mark was one of the 70 disciples whom Jesus sent out in ministry and mission. He is said to have travelled to Alexandria in Egypt which became one of the great epicentres of Christian scholarship and theology in the Early Church. The Coptic Orthodox Church, the Greek Orthodox Church of Alexandria, and the Coptic Catholic Church all trace their origins to this original Alexandrian Christian community which Saint Mark is said to have founded. He became the first Bishop of Alexandria and he is thus honoured as the founder of Christianity in Africa. He is believed to have died in Alexandria but, in the 9th century, his relics were taken to Venice and are held at St. Mark's Basilica. In Christian art, Saint Mark is most often portrayed writing or holding his Gospel. In Christian tradition, he is symbolized by a lion in the desert. He has been depicted as a Bishop on a throne decorated with lions; and as a man with a book or scroll, accompanied by a winged lion. It is suggested that the symbol of the lion may be an association with the resurrection of Jesus as lions were believed to sleep with their eyes open. The abiding message of Saint Mark's Gospel affirms Christ's victory over evil and, through the saving work of Jesus on the cross, the presence of the Kingdom of God even in testing times. Saint Mark tells his readers that Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.



READINGS FOR EASTER 4

Genesis Ch. 7 VV. 1 – 5 & VV. 11 – 18 &
Ch. 8 VV 16 – 18 & Ch. 9 VV. 11 – 18.

Acts Ch. 4 VV. 5 – 12

John Ch. 10 VV. 11 – 18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time, Amen.

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR EASTER 4

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR EASTER 4

This Sunday's Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony with assistance from Graham King. Details are as below and will be included in the covering email:

Topic: Morning Prayer with Hymn
Time: Apr 25, 2021 **11:00 AM** London



Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71875316020?pwd=WFhDQXlzaXJjZCtUMWw1RktDaEILdz09>

Meeting ID: 718 7531 6020 Passcode: 2TZ6D8

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, Jenny King, Beryl Palmer, Sally Zeybek, Laura, the daughter of June Brazier and David Lawrence.
- The recently departed, may their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families and friends 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 our own country where infection rates are still high, and the health services as they work to cope with the large number of hospital cases.
- For the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK
(THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY PAT RUSHMERE)

