

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021



Christian Aid Week 2021 is between 9th and 16th May. Our 11:00 am Zoom service on 16th May will have a Christian Aid theme. Christian Aid envelopes will be available in Church or from the Vicarage.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

We will be holding an Ascension Day Service on Thursday 13th May at 7:30 pm in church. The service will also be broadcast on Zoom (details to follow), which has kindly been facilitated by Gavin Mole. The service will be a form of Evening Prayer. We hope you can join us either in church or on-line.

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.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2021
6TH 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 services will be led by our Vicar, Canon Tony.

WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

We have now resumed 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 has reverted 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:

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	In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON... ROGATION SUNDAY

Rogation Sunday represents an ancient custom of festal Christian procession said to have been appropriated from pagan "Robigalia" processions. Ascension Day falls on the Thursday after Rogation Sunday, with the three Rogation Days in between having their origins in the practice of three days of committed prayer dating from troubled times in 5th Century France. Rogation Days are days set aside for intercession and prayer; and most especially prayer for a good year for the farmers and the food-growers. In a world of so many uncertainties, the Christian Church teaches and preaches eternal truths of a God of Love, a God whose loving purposes are revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. A loving God who both can - and does - answer Prayer. Prayer is, indeed, a matter of attuning our will with the will of God, so that the answer to our Prayer may very well not be what we might have expected. Sometimes the answer to Prayer may in fact be some action on our part. Praying for the hungry, for example, will almost certainly prompt us to want to do what we can to help them. And sometimes the answer to Prayer may be "No", or "Not Yet". And there are times when we do just have to live with the reality that God moves in mysterious ways and that his purposes are so often beyond human comprehension. This year Rogation Sunday coincides with the beginning of Christian Aid Week in which we commit ourselves to supporting the work of Christian Aid and other agencies which seek to bring relief to those who are the poorest people in our world through our prayer and through practical action to try to ensure that they are able to feed themselves and their families, that they have access to the medicines that they need, and not least that they have access to water supplies that are disease-free and safe to drink. This is a practical way in which we can fulfil the golden rule of Christ; "love one another as I have loved you".

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal 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*.



READINGS FOR EASTER 6

Isaiah Ch. 55 VV. 1 – 11
Acts Ch. 10 VV. 44 – 48

John Ch. 15 VV. 9 – 17

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

(THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY JUNE BRAZIER)



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 6

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever, Amen.

ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR EASTER 6

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: May 09, 2021 **11:00 AM** London



Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71875316020?pwd=WFhDQXlzaXJzCtUMWs1RktDaEILdz09>
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, Doug Tilbury and Laura (daughter of June Brazier).
- 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. Particularly praying for India where infection rates are very high and the hospitals are struggling to cope. We give thanks that in our own country infection rates and the number of people in hospital with Covid-19 are falling, due to the success of the vaccination programme.
- 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.