

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021



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

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. This is expected to be an in-person service.

**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 WebSite ([www.onecantrust.org.uk](http://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 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> 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... THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

In St. John's Gospel Chapter 17, what is known as the "High Priestly Prayer of Jesus" forms the link between chapters 13-16 when Jesus teaches his disciples for the last time before his crucifixion and the events of his Passion in chapters 18-19. Jesus tells his disciples, "Take courage; I have conquered the world!" This "High Priestly" prayer, then, is that of someone who is on the brink of laying down his life willingly in order to fulfil the work of God. The Passion of Jesus – his "hour" – has come and so the prayer reflects the immediacy of his triumph and glory. His victory will indeed be accomplished through the cross, but it is his disciples who must make that victory a reality in the world. From now on, those who follow him must be his hands and feet here on earth. And so Jesus prays for the life of the faith community after the coming of his "hour", both the first generation of disciples but also all who will follow them, including us. The prayer begins with the affirmation that the followers of Jesus belong to God, who has entrusted them to the Son. His prayer is for them, as they face the challenges of living out the life of faith in a hostile world. Jesus affirms that he has given his followers his Father's "word" and that he has protected them from the "evil one". And, as he prepares to return to his Father, then, he commends his followers to his Father's care and protection. They are to be citizens of a world in which, in a sense, they do not really belong. He says of them that they are "in the world, but not of the world". His way of self-giving love is counter-intuitive and counter-cultural. But it is this way of life which makes the most sense of the world's contrasts and contradictions. It opens up for us life in all its fullness; and makes manifest in our lives that peace of God which passes all understanding. It means that what we say, and what we do, for the sake of others and in the name of our Lord and Master, can and will make a very real difference in changing the world for the better!

Canon Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.

## READINGS FOR EASTER 7

Ezekiel Ch. 36 VV. 24 – 28

Acts Ch. 1 VV. 15 – 17 & VV. 21 – 26

John Ch. 17 VV. 6 – 19



## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY MARK ROBERTS)



God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 7

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR EASTER 7

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 16, 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 and Doug Tilbury.
- 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.