

TEAM MORNING PRAYER SERVICES

From June onwards, the Risborough Team Clergy will be meeting on Wednesdays for 09:00 am Morning Prayer in turn at our respective churches. Venues for June are 2nd at St. Dunstan's, 9th at St. John's, 16th at Holy Trinity Bledlow, 23rd at St. Mary's and 30th at St. Dunstan's. these are public services open to all to attend.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCHYARD MOWING ROTA

Volunteers requested please for the Churchyard Mowing Rota which Ken Brazier has kindly agreed to compile. Further details from Ken or the Wardens.

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 30TH MAY 2021
TRINITY 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.

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... TRINITY SUNDAY

And at no time in the Church's calendar is the divine mystery more at the heart of our worship than it is on Trinity Sunday. In the pages of the New Testament we can see how the early Church sought and struggled to engage with this mystery of the one God who is revealed as three distinct divine characters. But the word "Trinity" itself never actually appears in the Bible. Nevertheless, later generations of Christians have discovered the title "Holy Trinity" to be a very helpful way to try to describe the indescribable; the three-in-one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Here, then, are mysteries beyond human understanding and before which we simply fall down on our knees in worship. In fact, the German theologian Rudolf Otto conjured up the word "numinous" to describe the divine mystery which is in many ways unknowable but which undergirds all that exists. Here is a mystery which at one and the same time both terrifies and fascinates. This is what Otto called the "idea of the holy" which is said to embody three components. Firstly, the numinous, this "idea of the holy", is "wholly other" which evokes in us a reaction of silence. But, secondly, the numinous also provokes a degree of terror because it represents overwhelming power which does of itself seem very scary. But, finally, most reassuringly, the numinous presents itself as merciful and gracious, loving and compassionate. At least for the time being, however, we do have to live with reality of the mystery; simply accepting that God's essential nature is a deep and unsearchable mystery. But the locus of faith for Christian discipleship is indeed the Holy Trinity. And so faith is about trusting in a dynamic God of loving relationship, of self-emptying, and self-giving for the sake of the love of another. This indeed is the divine mystery which is truly at the heart of Trinitarian doctrine.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah Ch. 6 VV. 1 – 8
Romans Ch. 8 VV. 12 – 17

John Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 17

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY GRAHAM KING)



Almighty God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and live in the perfect unity of love; hold us firm in this faith that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory who are three Persons and yet one God, now and forever. 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 TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever, Amen.

ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

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

Topic: Morning Prayer with Hymn
Time: May 30, 2021 **11:00 AM** London



Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71875316020?pwd=WFhDQXlzaXJjZCtUMWVs1RktDaEILdz09>
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.