

## 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 during June will be 16<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Bledlow, 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's and 30<sup>th</sup> 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](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 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### 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 continue in-church worship on Sundays and Tuesdays using the same pattern of worship used before the third National Lockdown. We continue to hold an on-line service on Zoom at 11:00 am on Sundays. Potentially we are looking at resuming 08:00 Book of Common Prayer Communion Services in church on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month in July, subject to guidance permitting. The current pattern of services is 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 KINGDOM OF GOD**

Throughout the Gospel narratives, Jesus illustrates the complexities of the Kingdom of God with parables. We then ask ourselves, “what does that mean?” and we try to find out more. That is what parables are intended to do. They provoke us to ask questions. And to look for a deeper meaning that the parables convey. In Chapter 4 of Saint Mark’s Gospel, Jesus uses the example of the scattering of seeds to illustrate the nature of the Kingdom of God. He also speaks of the mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, which grows into the greatest of all shrubs. Perhaps surprisingly, then, the process by which the Kingdom of God grows is one that involves us. As Jesus is quoted as saying in Luke Chapter 17, the Kingdom of God is “among you” or “within you”. So, God is trusting us to help the Kingdom to grow, here on earth. And the parable of the mustard seed tells us that our gifts, however insignificant we might believe them to be, can – just like that tiny mustard seed – grow into something great: God’s kingdom of peace, love and justice, beginning here on earth. But we cannot achieve this in our own strength alone. Just as God makes the seed grow in due course, and the farmer “does not know how”, God can enable us to do amazing things in the service of the Kingdom. So how can we help the Kingdom grow? And how can we invite God to help us in this task? Firstly, we should tell others, remembering that Scripture affirms that Christ died for all. What we do, as much as what we say, can begin to sow the seeds of faith in those around us. That is a huge responsibility, because if we fail to act in the way Jesus has taught us to, then we are failing him. So let us keep on prayerfully studying the biblical accounts of the ministry, the teaching, and the sacrifice of Jesus. Then, by serving Jesus by way of practical help to our fellow human beings, we can sow God’s seed here on earth. For this beautiful planet that God has given to us is where we can all learn to be citizens of the eternal Kingdom.

Canon Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing:  
 send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most  
 excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
 without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this  
 for your only Son Jesus Christ’s sake, who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.



## READINGS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Ezekiel Ch. 17 VV. 22 – 24  
 2 Corinthians Ch. 5 VV. 6 – 17

Mark Ch. 4 VV. 26 – 34

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



Help us to pray. Prayer connects us to God. The more time you spend with something or someone, the more confidence you build in it. The same is true for God. The more time you spend with God, the more your faith in Him will grow.

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 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
 sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth  
 until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal  
 banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR TRINITY 2

This Sunday’s Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony. Details will be included in the covering email:

Topic: Morning Prayer with Hymn  
 Time: Jun 13, 2021, **11:00 AM** London



*Zoom Link Details in Covering Email*

## *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 Margaret Karstens (St. Mary’s Kuruman).
- The recently departed, including Aubrey Karstens and John Ritchie from our linked parish of St. Mary’s, Kuruman and Doreen De Grey, formerly of this parish. 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 lower, 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.