

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 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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Sunday 27th June 2021, 11.15am on ZOOM

Notice is Given that our 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 27th June. Please put this date in your diary and make every effort to attend. Unfortunately, it will be necessary with the current Covid restrictions in place to hold the APCM on-line again, and this will be in place of the usual Zoom service, but at 11:15 am. (The Zoom services will resume on Sunday 4th July 2021).

If there are any volunteers to stand for the Parochial Church Council (PCC), please contact the Churchwardens. Apologies to the PCC Secretary.

Mark Roberts, PCC Secretary

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 27TH JUNE 2021
4TH 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. This Sunday our Service will be led by Canon Tony.

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. This will include holding an on-line service on Zoom at 11:00 am on Sundays. 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).
(Excluding Sunday 27th June when we will be holding our APCM at 11:15 am)
- 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 (This Week Only):

SUNDAY	
10:00 am	In-church Said Parish Communion Service
11:15 am	On-line Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Zoom)
TUESDAY	
9:30 am	In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON... ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

In the understanding of the Early Church Fathers, John the Baptist was regarded as endowed with grace from before his birth. Hence, the Church has always kept the observance of the date of his birth – on 24th June - with greater solemnity than that of his death. Indeed, the biblical account of John the Baptist, son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, begins even before his birth and we are told in Chapter 1 of St. Luke's Gospel that, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of her cousin Mary, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is related in all four Gospels as beginning with the ministry of John the Baptist. It seems that his role was understood by the Gospel writers to be akin to that of the Old Testament prophets, most especially in encouraging the people of God to live lives worthy of their calling and in anticipation of the imminent appearance of the Anointed Messiah who would bring into being the Kingdom of God. John is therefore the forerunner of the Lord as a lamp which went ahead of the true light and who, as Saint John the Evangelist tells us, bore witness to the light so that all might believe through him. Indeed, his is the voice announced by the prophet Isaiah: "A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight his paths". Rabanus Maurus, Archbishop of Mainz in the 9th Century, writes: *Let us too, prepare a way for the Lord who is to come into our hearts. Let us remove the barriers of sin by confession and repentance; let us straighten the paths of our life which for too long have been undirected and devious; let us pave the way of true faith with good works. Let us rid ourselves of all arrogance and lift high our fainting hearts. Then, when all is in order, smoothed, and brought into harmony, we shall see the salvation of God as he is, for "his home is in peace and his dwelling in Zion" (Psalm 76:2).*

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 TRINITY 4

Wisdom of Solomon Ch. 1 VV. 13 – 15 & Ch. 2
VV. 23 – 24

2 Corinthians Ch. 8 VV. 7 – 15

Mark Ch. 5 VV. 21 – 43.

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY JAMES NISBET)



Lord, give us continued strength as we pass through the struggles of this mortal life and let us be thankful for the guidance we receive to help us on our earthly voyage. As our Saviour taught us, may we develop resilience from our sufferings in the knowledge that He gave his life for us so that we may be absolved from sin. Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, 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 4

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ON-LINE APCM

The APCM is being held on this Sunday on Zoom in place of the usual on-line service. The same Zoom link as for the service will be used. Details are as below and will be included in the covering email:

Topic: Morning Prayer with Hymns
Time: Jun 27, 2021, **11:00 AM** London



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72067152968?pwd=MjlyNUttMDQ2UE11MXpPcW9WMjdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 720 6715 2968 Passcode: 1cZ7Fb

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 countries where infection rates are very high and the hospitals are struggling to cope. We pray that the rising infection rates in this country due to the Delta variant will reduce and that people will come forward to receive their vaccine doses.
- 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.