

NOTICES

Team Morning Prayer Services

The Risborough Team Clergy continue to meet on Wednesdays for 08:45 am Morning Prayer in turn at our respective churches. These are public services open to all to attend. Venues during August and September 2021 will be:

- 4th August – St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough.
- 11th August – St. John's, Lacey Green.
- 18th August – St. Peter's, Ilmer.
- 25th August – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.
- 1st September – St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough.
- 8th September – St. John's, Lacey Green.
- 15th September – Holy Trinity, Bledlow.
- 22nd September – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.
- 29th September – St. Peter's, Owlswick.

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 1st AUGUST 2021
9TH 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. This Sunday our Services will be led by Canon Tony.

WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S - UPDATED

Following the lifting of most remaining Lockdown restrictions, on 20th July, the PCC Standing Committee have agreed to the following changes to worship at St. John's for the immediate future:

- Although no longer legally required, we request that, for the time being due to rising Covid-19 infection rates, the congregation do continue to wear masks in Church, maintain social distancing and sanitise their hands.
- The choir will resume singing in Church from this Sunday onwards. The congregation are invited to join in the singing of hymns but are requested to do so wearing their masks.
- Holy Communion will continue in one kind only for the time being and will be administered from the area in front of the chancel step (as we have been doing during lockdown).
- The Peace will continue for the time being to be observed discreetly and following social distancing protocols.
- The congregation are asked to observe social distancing as far as possible and the Lady Chapel area will be set aside as a mandatory social distancing area for those who feel they need to socially distance themselves from others. Please respect this.

Weekly Services:

SUNDAY

- 8:00 am In-church Said BCP Communion Service (1st & 3rd Sun)
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns
11:00 am *No Zoom Services during August.*

TUESDAY

- 9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON... THE BREAD OF LIFE

The Gospel of Saint John shows a clear intention to reveal who Jesus truly is, and not just what He did. John opens his account with an explanation of the divine nature of Jesus, the Word made Flesh. In chapter 6, he focuses on one of the miracles of Jesus, and what it means. Because Jesus was renowned for performing miracles of healing and teaching the Scriptures with authority, there would often be crowds of people following him. We are told that Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fish and fed thousands of people with it, with twelve baskets left over. That same night, Jesus walked on water. The next day, those same crowds gather again to be fed. Jesus then offered them salvation; eternal nourishment rather than just temporary sustenance. "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal... For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:26-27, 40). By putting their faith in Him, then, they would have eternal life. He also spoke to them of the manna the Father gave their ancestors in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. And he then said to them, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6:51). The culmination of this symbol of bread as signifying the saving nature of Jesus comes at the Last Supper. "Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body'" (Matthew 26:26). Here, then, Jesus explicitly spells out the nature of His upcoming crucifixion and His role in restoring people to a right relationship with God for eternity.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 9

Exodus Ch. 16 VV. 2 – 4 & VV. 9 – 15
Ephesians Ch. 4 VV. 1 – 16

John Ch. 6 VV. 24 – 35

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY JUNE BRAZIER)



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the prayers that have already been answered. Send us your compassion and protection as we try to help those who may need reassurance in this world. We offer ourselves to you in Prayer - Inspire us to understand your word, and follow in your footsteps. We pray for an end to conflict, and Peace throughout the World. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, let us grow closer to you Heavenly Father. 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 9

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ON-LINE SERVICES – AUGUST 2021

With many people taking holidays, it has been decided that the On-Line Zoom services will be suspended during August 2021.

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, Margaret Karstens (St. Mary's Kuruman) and Don White.
- 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 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.