

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. Upcoming services over the next few weeks are:

- 25th August – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.
- 1st September – St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough.
- 8th September – St. John's, Lacey Green.

GARDEN PARTY

Afternoon Tea with music. Tickets now available for this event at Lane Farm in Church Lane on Saturday 18th September at 3pm. Proceeds in aid of Samuel Green pipe organ fund. Advance tickets £8 adults, £4 juniors (on the door £10 and £5). Please bring a chair. Donations of prizes for the raffle very gratefully received please.

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 15TH AUGUST 2021
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

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 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on 15th August, falling just nine months after the Feast of the Conception of Mary. This feast-day stands on the boundary between the old and the new covenant and ushers in the dispensation of divine grace in the person of her son Jesus Christ. To the Orthodox Churches of the East and Russia, Mary is called the “Theotokos”, the “god-bearer”. She is the greatest of the saints of the Church and Chapter 1 of St. Luke’s Gospel tells us why. Mary, a young girl in so many ways innocent in the ways of the world but a faithful Jew trusting the ways of God. Asked by the angelic messenger to take on the massive task of being the mother to the Christ, the anointed one of God, she is told that “nothing will be impossible with God”. With a minimum of information, without really knowing more than a fraction of what she is taking on, she simply responds “Here I am, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word”. And so, for theologians, Mary is regarded as both representative of the Jewish people and as a “type” of the Church. Her example is an example for us - willing obedience to God’s purposes without necessarily having anything like a detailed route map where we may be being led. As we reflect on the circumstances of Mary’s birth and early life, we know that it is to be her fate to stand by the Cross whilst her son suffers an excruciating and painful death. Her sorrow teaches us a vital lesson of discipleship that God in Jesus does not promise to protect us from suffering, but to protect us in suffering. In a homily by the 8th century martyr, Andrew of Crete, we are told – *‘Let the whole creation, therefore, sing praise and dance and unite in celebrating the glories of this day. Today let there be one common feast of all in heaven and earth. Let everything that is, in and above the earth, join together in rejoicing. For today a shrine is built for the creator of the universe.*

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Isaiah Ch. 61 VV. 10 – 11
Galatians Ch. 4 VV. 4 – 7

Luke Ch. 1 VV 46 – 55

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



Lord of peace and forgiveness,

Help us to bring peace to this troubled world and let us be guided by your spirit of tolerance, kindness and respect for others. Let us love our neighbours as ourselves seeing your light in everyone rather than what sets us apart. For those who may cause us grief or anguish teach us the value of forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ our 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 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness through 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.