

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:

- 22nd September – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.
- 29th September – St. Peter's, Owlswick.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are currently planning to hold our Harvest Festival during the 10:00 AM Service on Sunday 3rd October 2021. Further details will be provided in due course.



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 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021
16TH 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

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 Covid-19 infection rates remaining high, that the congregation do continue to wear masks in Church, maintain social distancing and sanitise their hands.
- The choir has resumed singing in Church during the main Sunday service. 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)
- 09:00 am Said Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

TUESDAY

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

FOCUS ON ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST

St. Matthew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus; someone who turned away from preoccupation with selfish gain and turned to Christ who changed his life. His feast-day is 21st September; and he is believed to have been martyred, possibly in Ethiopia or Persia. By tradition, he is identified as one of the four evangelists. It seems that St. Matthew was familiar with the material in Mark's Gospel, the first of the Gospels to have been written, as was St. Luke. And that Matthew and Luke both had access to other stories and sayings of Jesus which are collectively known as the "Q" source. But St. Matthew also has material found only in his Gospel narrative of which the best-known is his colourful and descriptive account of the Visit of the Magi to the infant Christ. Matthew's Gospel affirms to his readers time and again how the things that Jesus said and did were a fulfilment of Old Testament Messianic prophecy. And that the spiritual blessings which God conveys matter more than all the wealth in the world. These are indeed the pearl of great price, the essence of the Kingdom of God of redemption and forgiveness. The message of St. Matthew's Gospel, then, is "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you". St. Matthew's symbol in Christian art is a representation of the winged creature with a human face in Revelation 4:7. This speaks both of the humanity of Jesus and of the genealogy of the ancestors of Jesus with which Matthew's Gospel begins. This is a major theme of Matthew's narrative - that the birth and life and death and resurrection of Jesus were all part of a divine plan for human salvation. In other words, these events in the Gospel narrative represent a cycle of salvation history that has origins which can be traced back to the beginning of time itself. Here in the person of Jesus Christ, says St. Matthew, is set out the divine plan serving the purposes of the living God, the God of love; the God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them, 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 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Wisdom Ch. 1 V. 16 – Ch. 2 V. 1
& Ch. 2 VV. 12 – 22
James Ch. 3 V. 13 – Ch. 4 V. 3 & Ch. 4 VV. 7 – 8a
Mark Ch. 9 VV. 30 – 37.

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



Dear Lord Jesus, You are our Prince of Peace and You prayed for unity in the body of Christ, that we may be united in love just as You are united with the Father in love. Give Your children the desire to love one another as You have loved us, and let the world know that we are Your disciples by our love for one another. Give us a hunger to live in union with each another, and may we be united as one, in the bond of peace and fellowship, in the Spirit. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

[Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Unity-in-the-Church>]

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 16

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR TRINITY 16

On-line Morning Worship Services on Zoom are resuming during September 2021. This will be a Said Service at the new time of 9:00 am. Details are as below and will be included in the covering email:

Topic: Sunday Morning Prayer

Time: SEP 19, 2021, **9:00 AM** London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79563055587?pwd=WE1LZ3k2UUhpTHNkZlRZZnpJdkt3QT09>

Meeting ID: 795 6305 5587

Passcode: i9s4Y2



This Week you are Asked to Pray for:

- We pray for those being Baptised today as they start their Christian journeys.
- 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 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.