

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:

- 29th September – St. Mary's Princes Risborough.
- 6th October – St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough.
- 13th October – St. John's Lacey Green.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are currently planning to hold our Harvest Festival during the 10:00 AM Service on Sunday 3rd October 2021. Gifts of tins, packets and other non-perishable items will be welcome and can be brought to the 10:00 service (No fresh produce please because we cannot donate this to the One Can Trust who will be receiving this year's gifts). Cash donations will be split between Christian Aid and the Wycombe Youth for Christ Afghanistan Refugee appeal. Thank you.



Harvest Thanksgiving Services – 3rd October 2021:

8:00am Holy Communion BCP
10:00am Harvest Family Eucharist with Holy Baptism
6.30pm ONLINE Evening Prayer with Harvest Hymns

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. Thankyou.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021
17TH 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 (*Sunday 26th Sept Only*)
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

TUESDAY

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

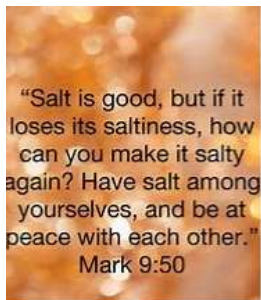
FOCUS ON ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

The feast-day of Saint Michael and All Angels falls on 29th September; being the date of the dedication in his honour of an ancient Church near Rome. The Michaelmas season is a popular time of the year for ordinations to take place. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the three angels whose names we know from Scripture. Michael means 'who is like God' and is portrayed as the protector of Israel and the leader of the armies of God, perhaps best known as the slayer of the dragon in the Revelations of St. John the Divine. Michael therefore has become to be seen as the protector of Christians from the wiles of the devil. Gabriel means 'the strength of God' and was sent by God to Mary to announce the birth of Christ. Raphael means 'the healing of God' and is depicted in the book of Tobit as the one who restores Tobit's sight. There are across the world a good many creation stories alongside the very ancient Mesopotamian myths that provided the inspiration for the biblical creation accounts in the Book of Genesis Chapters 1 and 2. For myself, I am especially attracted to J.R.R. Tolkien's creation account in the text of his book "The Silmarillion" in which he writes of the angels of God bringing creation into being through their angelic song, singing out the notes and harmonies of a score composed by the Almighty Himself containing themes of both joy and sorrow, rejoicing and melancholy. In fact, the intention of the worship offered up in our Church, and our Church music, is to express at least something of our fearfulness, and our awe and wonder, at the majesty of the living God. In other words, as best we can within our human limitations, to align the song of worship of we mortals here on earth with the song of the angels in heaven. And, so through our worship, to make our Church a place where the veil between earth and heaven is very thin so that we may be lifted up, at least in part, to catch some glimpse of the glory of God.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 21)

Numbers Ch. 11 VV. 4 – 6, VV. 10 – 16 & VV. 24 – 29

James Ch. 5 VV. 13 – 20
Mark Ch. 9 VV. 38 – 50

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



Lord, we pray for strength and resilience to face up to the many challenges that lie ahead. Keep our hearts and minds free from anger and let us remember your commandment to love our neighbours as ourselves. May we be thankful for our blessings and be mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves around the world at this time. Let charitable thoughts of peace, understanding and thanksgiving rule our hearts so that the care of others is always put before our own desires. 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 TRINITY 17

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR TRINITY 17

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 26, 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:

- 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, 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 Kimberley and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.