

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:

- 6th October – St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough.
- 13th October – St. John's Lacey Green.
- 20th October – Holy Trinity, Bledlow.
- 27th October – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough

ON-LINE SERVICES – October 2021

We not be holding an on-line Morning Prayer Service this Sunday (3rd October), but will be holding an On-Line Evening Prayer service (this Sunday only) to mark Harvest Thanksgiving. Due to limited interest during September, we are not currently planning to resume On-line Morning Prayer services during October, but will keep this under review. The PCC Standing Committee will be discussing this matter further at our next meeting on 5th October 2021.

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 3RD OCTOBER 2021
HARVEST FESTIVAL

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 (1 st & 3 rd Sun)
10:00 am	In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns
6:30 pm	On-Line Evening Prayer Service (<i>3rd October only</i>)

TUESDAY

9:30 am	In-church Said Parish Communion Service
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FOCUS ON HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Harvest Festival, as it continues to be so widely celebrated in Churches and Schools across the nation, may be said to be a mixture of the offering of Thanksgiving and the practical working out of Compassion. Thanksgiving and Compassion. Thanksgiving and gratitude for the good things of creation, the fruits of the earth in their seasons so to speak, whether this may be the harvest of the land or the harvest of the sea! And compassion for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and for those in particular need, worked out in and through practical action! And so then, for Harvest Festival, we offer our gifts at the altar, both as an acknowledgement that everything we have is a gift from God's plentiful bounty, and also that our gifts may be used to benefit others especially those in great need. In fact, through our celebration of Harvest Festival, we seek to do four things. Firstly, we give thanks to God for the good things which nature provides, for the hard work of those who tend the land, reap the harvest of the sea, and who prepare and bring our food to us. Secondly, we commit ourselves to provide for the material needs of those people in our world who are much less fortunate than ourselves, not least those who live in those places which are part of what has come to be known as the developing world. Thirdly, we acknowledge our own personal responsibility to play what part we can in the care of our environment so that future generations may benefit from our wise stewardship of the natural resources of our world. And, fourthly, we reflect on the dominical injunction to put the Kingdom of God above all things and, thus, we acknowledge that our material world is shot through with glimpses of the divine by which the resurrection promise at the heart of the faith of the Church is made visible and tangible to us as we travel further and further along the road of our journey of faith.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Joel Ch. 2 VV. 21 – 27
1 Timothy Ch. 6 VV. 6 – 10

Matthew Ch. 6 VV. 25 – 33

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



At this harvest time, we bring to you your church, full of hopes and failings yet loved by you. We bring to you our local community; the beauty of nature and the abundance of mellow fruitfulness. We pray for those who are struggling with financial, family or mental health concerns at this time. We pray for your world, as we enjoy the abundance of the harvest, we remember before you those in our society and across the world who do not share in this abundance. Help us to share our resources according to need not greed. Be with those, we pray, who are worried at this time about their health and well-being. May your Spirit reach out to them and offer comfort and healing, guidance and support in their darkest times.

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 HARVEST

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord., Amen.

HARVEST ON-LINE EVENING PRAYER

On Sunday 3rd October 2021 we will be holding an Evening Prayer Service on Zoom to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving. This will be a Said Service at the new time of 6:30 pm. Details are as below and will be included in the covering email:

Topic: Harvest Evening Prayer

Time: OCT 3, 2021, **06:30 PM** London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77417847083?pwd=VnNRenhPT1diZ2VkeTR3Unl0dXRjdz09>

Meeting ID: 774 1784 7083

Passcode: 5JH2Rc

This Week you are Asked to Pray for:

- We pray for Benjamin Stanley Holdsworth who is being baptised today.
- 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.
- 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.