

# 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:

- 13<sup>th</sup> October – St. John's Lacey Green.
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Holy Trinity, Bledlow.
- 27<sup>th</sup> October – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough

## ON-LINE SERVICES

For the present it has been agreed that we will be suspending holding on-line services on Zoom on a regular basis. It has been decided that over the next couple of months, an On-line Evening Prayer Service will be held on Zoom on the First Sunday of the Month at 6:00 pm. This follows holding an Evening Prayer Service to celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, which was seemed to work better for people attending compared to the On-line Morning Prayer on Sundays during September at 9:00 am. The PCC will keep this under review for future months to determine need for broadcasted services for the congregation either on a regular basis or for Special Services. The review will also take into account the evolving situation with regard to Covid-19.

**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](http://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 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun)  
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

#### TUESDAY

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

## FOCUS ON LASTING TREASURE

Jesus does not call all those who would follow him to part with all of their money. But it can often be the case that our possessions can get in the way of who we could be in God's kingdom. This may be in the form of material wealth or other kinds of attachments that compete with God's place in our hearts. However faithfully we live a godly lifestyle, we cannot use this – as it were - as currency to buy favour with God. To do a deal with God so to speak. Instead, Jesus simply calls us to trust in him and receive eternal life in the only way that we really can – as a gift. Jesus already knows all there is to know about the particular aspects of our personal lives that hinder our total reliance on him. If he did not know us far better than we know our own selves, he would not be God. So, as we seek him in our prayers, in reading his word and in worship, we may find that he puts his finger exactly on that sensitive spot – that one area that we find so hard to surrender fully. It is a little bit like going to the doctor with a pain in your arm. He or she feels around for the sight of the pain. Where does it hurt? There? There? Then they touch the exact spot and you struggle not to yell out "Ouch"! For a time when I was a Parish Priest in Leeds, we had a Diocesan Chaplain to the business community, the Reverend Rob Hinton. He told us of one wealthy businessman that he saw regularly who said of himself; "no-one loves me, my wife doesn't love me, my children don't love me, my friends don't love me. All they are interested in is my money". "I tell him", said Rob, "that Jesus loves him". The choice to follow Jesus or walk away is always ours. Only by putting it to the test can we really discover the truth of Jesus' promise that we will not lose out when we give our all to him. And if we feel that, although we want to let go, what Jesus is asking of us is just too difficult, we can nevertheless still take heart. As he reminds his disciples in Mark Chapter 10 Verse 27, whatever the challenge to obedience, whoever we are, help is at hand: "for God all things are possible".

Canon Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 23B)

Amos Ch. 5 VV. 6 – 7 & VV. 10 – 15  
Hebrews Ch. 4 VV. 12 – 16

Mark Ch. 10 VV. 17 – 31

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY MARK ROBERTS)



Thank you for the many ways in which you provide for us: food, family, friendship, housing, health, happiness, and ways to use our time and talents. We also pray to you for the areas in our lives where we fall short and remain in need of your Guidance.

We pray for people in our community and beyond who are facing unemployment, ill-health, isolation or money worries at this time, and especially for those who are unable to afford enough to eat. We pray for supportive relationships, practical provision and real hope.

Thank you for those who are serving and caring for others, in churches, in charities, and public services, in our neighbourhoods, in our homes, and in many other contexts. We pray that you will give them strength, rest and perseverance as they work to support others. We ask that they too would receive all they need to thrive.

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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 19

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### *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, Don White and Stuart Richards.
- 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 Kimberly and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.