

# 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 09:30 am – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed during the regular Tuesday Morning Service. A list will be posted in church for the names of those who people wish to be remembered during the service
- Online Shorter form of BCP Evening Prayer with Hymns – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6.00 pm.
- Coffee Morning with Stalls in the Village Hall – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.
- Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 10:00 am Parish Communion with Act of Remembrance.
- Bereavement Service – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3:00 pm.
- Christmas Tree Festival in Church – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon to 3:00 pm (ending with Christingle service at 3:00 pm).

**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 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2021**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**  
**CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS**

### 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 Service 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 ..... ALL SAINTS DAY

Instituted to honour all the Saints, known and unknown, All Saints Day is a solemnity celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> November in Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity. According to Urban IV, the commemoration serves to supply any deficiencies in the Church's celebration of Saints' feasts during the year.

In terms of Western Christian theology, the day celebrates all those who have attained the beatific vision of heaven and it is a national holiday in many historically Catholic countries. The commemoration is based on the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between the "Church Triumphant" in heaven, the "Church Penitent" attested in the keeping of All Souls Day, and the "Church Militant" who are the living.

From early days, Christians became accustomed to solemnising the anniversary of a martyr's death. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day which naturally led to the keeping of a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Christians during the reign of Diocletian, however, the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each of them so the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. The first trace of this is found in Antioch for the Sunday after Pentecost. At first only martyrs and John the Baptist were honoured by a special day. In time, other Saints were gradually added and continued to increase in number when a formal process of canonisation was established. Early in the 7th Century, Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering the keeping of an anniversary. And in the 8th Century, Gregory III consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the Saints and fixed the anniversary for 1st November.

Canon Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 ALL SAINTS

Wisdom Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 9  
Revelation No. 21 VV. 1 – 6a

John Ch. 11 VV. 32 – 44.

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

(THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY GRAHAM KING)



Almighty and everlasting God, You gave us Saints so that we can honour You by recognizing Your redemptive work in them, and that we have shining examples and powerful intercessors in our lives. They received blessings and righteousness from You because they belonged to a generation that sought only You. Allow me today to appreciate them for their past merits and their present prayers offered in the sight of Your divine majesty, so that my life too may become an oblation pleasing to You. Amen

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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 ALL SAINTS DAY

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through 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, Stuart Richards and John Roberts.
- 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.

## ADVENT COFFEE MORNING

In place of our usual Advent Fayre, this year we will be holding a Coffee Morning with Stalls in the Village Hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. There will be a variety of stalls. Boxes for donations are at the back of the Church. For more details, please speak to Pat or Margaret.