

# 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.

10<sup>th</sup> November – St John's, Lacey Green.

17<sup>th</sup> November – Holy Trinity, Bledlow.

24<sup>th</sup> November – St Mary's, Princes Risborough.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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).

## CONFIRMATION

We are planning to present candidates for confirmation at Long Crendon on Sunday evening 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6:00 pm. The preparation course begins with a first session on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3:00 pm which is due to be online. If anyone wishes to be confirmed at this service, please speak to Canon Tony.

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing  
**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

### 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
- 6:00 pm On-line Evening Prayer with Hymns (1<sup>st</sup> Sun).

#### TUESDAY

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

## FOCUS ON ..... THE TWELVE APOSTLES

The word Apostle means someone who is sent forth or sent out as an envoy, ambassador, or messenger. According to the list in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the Twelve Apostles called and sent out by Jesus were Simon Peter (also called Cephas) and his brother Andrew, the brothers James and John the sons of Zebedee also known as the "Sons of Thunder", Philip from Bethsaida, Thaddeus also known as Jude or Judas the son of James, Bartholomew who is traditionally identified with the Apostle Nathanael in Saint John's Gospel, Thomas also known as Judas the Twin, James the son of Alphaeus and his brother Matthew or Levi the tax collector, Simon the Canaanite also known as Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot who was the disciple who betrayed Jesus. The Gospel of Saint Mark states that Jesus initially sent out these twelve in pairs to towns in Galilee. Saint John's Gospel does not offer a formal list of Apostles but does refer to the "Twelve" in several places and does identify nine Apostles by name: Peter, Andrew (identified as Peter's brother), the Sons of Zebedee and very likely to be a reference to James and John, Thomas also called Didymus, Judas Iscariot, and Judas (not Iscariot) probably refers to Thaddeus also known as St. Jude. The individual whom Saint John's Gospel names as Nathanael is traditionally identified as the same person that the Synoptic Gospels call Bartholomew. Although the "Twelve Apostles" refer to the twelve who followed Jesus during his lifetime (and later Matthias who was appointed to take the place of Judas Iscariot, it should be noted that Saint Paul (formerly Saul of Tarsus) begins several of his Epistles with "Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ", or some variant. Whereas the original twelve were Apostles sent out to the Jews, Paul has a distinct role of being Apostle to the Gentiles after Christ's resurrection and ascent. From 1 John 4:14 we see that all Apostleship finds its meaning in Jesus the Apostle sent by God to be the Saviour of the world.

Canon Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



## READINGS FOR 3 BEFORE ADVENT

Jonah Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 5 & V. 10  
Hebrews Ch. 9 VV. 24 – 28

Mark Ch. 1 VV. 14 – 20.

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



Lord, give insight and inspiration to our world leaders as they debate the future of our planet this week. Bestow them with courage and vision to make difficult decisions in light of the need to put the natural world ahead of our selfish desires. May we all take heed of the signs that balance must be restored in our world if we are to live and prosper in peaceful harmony.

As winter approaches we give thanks for all the bounty of summer and pray that our hearts may remain filled with hope for the coming months. Keep our minds free from concerns and focused on the tasks that lie ahead, filling our souls with love and compassion. 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 3 BEFORE ADVENT

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## *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.