

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.

24th November – St Mary's, Princes Risborough.
1st December – St Dunstan's, Monks Risborough.
8th December – St John's, Lacey Green.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bereavement Service – Sunday 21st November 3:00 pm.
- Advent Carol Service – Sunday 29th November 3:00 pm.
- Family Eucharist and Toy Service – Sunday 5th December 10:00 am.
- Christmas Tree Festival in Church – Friday 10th December 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Saturday 11th December 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday 12th December 12 noon to 3:00 pm (ending with Christingle service at 3:00 pm).

CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVENT STUDY COURSE

The Churches Together in Risborough Study Course for Advent will follow the book "Advent for Everyone – a Journey through Luke" by Tom Wright. The St. John's sessions will be online on Tuesday afternoons - 30th November, 7th, 14th and 21st December – all at 3pm. The book costs £7.99 and can be ordered from St. Mary's Parish Office through Canon Tony.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2021
CHRIST THE KING

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 and Graham King.

WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

Following the lifting of most remaining Lockdown restrictions, on 20th July, the PC 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)
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns
6:00 pm On-line Evening Prayer with Hymns (1st Sun).

TUESDAY

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON CHRIST THE KING

The Festival of Christ the King effectively brings the Liturgical year to an end - to a fitting climax - as we look to Advent Sunday next week and the beginning of a new year for the Liturgy of the Church. We move from Year B to Year C. The image of Christ the King is a concept at the heart of the Christian tradition, and finds expression in so many of our hymns, and in countless stained-glass windows, and in the rich history and tradition of Christian art. The classic image of Christ the King celebrates the death, the resurrection, and the ascension of Jesus. Death gives way to life, goodness triumphs over evil, light overcomes darkness, sorrow gives way to joy. In classical New Testament theology, the complete and final revelation of the Kingship of Christ will be at the Last Day, when he returns "and all the angels with him... [to] sit on his throne of glory". As followers and servants of Christ, we are all of us called to share in the glory and the Kingship of Christ. The First Epistle of Peter calls us "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people". That is a high calling to live up to. And the Gospels tell us that we fulfill our calling – and are judged in our calling – by our willingness to serve Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison. But that is really only part of the whole picture. Because Jesus not only calls us to help those who are in need, which many people do irrespective of whether or not they are Christian believers, he also gives this commitment to the service of others a much wider dimension. He says, in fact, that his Kingship is to be seen in those in need, made manifest in those who most need our care and support, those, who we are called to serve for the sake of Christ our Lord and King. And so it is that, we are told, that in caring for them, which is a very worthy end in itself, we are also giving glory to him; Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant, the chosen Messiah, the Lord of Lords, the King of Glory.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



READINGS FOR CHRIST THE KING

Daniel Ch. 7 VV. 9 – 10 & VV. 13 – 14
Revelation No. 1 VV. 4b – 8

John Ch. 18 VV. 33 – 37

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY JUNE BRAZIER)



Heavenly Father, we earnestly pray for your divine goodness to shower over all the Earth. We pray for healing for our Planet.

We ask for Divine Inspiration to all those in authority that wise decisions may be found to safe guard all peoples who are in need. Guide travellers and immigrants to safe harbours, and bless the volunteers who bring aid and medication.

Thank you loving Lord for being our guide and protector - always. 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 CHRIST THE KING (SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT)

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; 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 Kimberly and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.

CONFIRMATION

We are planning to present candidates for confirmation at Long Cendon on Sunday evening 30th January 2022 at 6:00 pm. The preparation course begins with a first session on Saturday 18th 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.