

# NOTICES

## Team Morning Prayer Services

Wednesdays for 08:45 am Morning Prayer at Team churches. The Team meet weekly for Morning Prayer meetings, attending Team Churches in rotation. The locations for the rest of January and for February are as follows:

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January – St. John's Lacey Green (change of venue).
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough.
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February – St. John's Lacey Green.
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Holy Trinity, Bledlow.
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.

## FIRST AID COURSE

Princes Risborough Baptists Church are planning to run a First Aid course in the new year but don't currently have enough people to fill it. If anyone at St. John's wishes to do a First Aid course (particularly to support their Church role) please contact either Vanessa or Sheila at the Baptist Church Office if they would like to join. There is a charge for the course. More details from Vanessa / Sheila (prbaptist@btconnect.com)

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 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

### 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 the 10:00 am service will be led by Canon Tony and Graham King.

## WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

Recent UK Government Guidance has been reviewed and at this stage few changes are going to be required for in-church worship at St. John's. These will remain in place for the immediate future:

- Wearing masks in church, apart from for the choir when singing and for those leading worship is now mandatory. Also, during actual receipt of Holy Communion. The congregation are requested to wear masks in Church, maintain social distancing and sanitise their hands.
- Singing of hymns in Church during the sung services will continue. The congregation can continue to join in the singing of hymns, but 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.
- 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 WEDDING AT CANA

The event of the Wedding at Cana marks the first of a series of signs in Saint John's Gospel through which the divinity of Jesus becomes increasingly evident. The mother of Jesus is there at the Wedding Feast as a guest, as are Jesus and his disciples. When Mary tells Jesus that the wine has run out, his response is not very encouraging. He tells her, in effect, that it is none of their business, adding, "My hour has not yet come." When Jesus does then speak to the servants, he tells them to fill six large empty jars with water. This does not seem to suggest anything wonderful, extraordinary, or miraculous is to be expected. But what then happens to the water is truly utterly astonishing. The wine in the jars is not just more wine, it is much better wine than before. And the shortfall has not simply been made up, there is an outrageously generous amount – six jars, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Everything in the build-up has suggested failure and disappointment and lack of promise. And so, as Saint John the Evangelist tells the story, it is presented as a real surprise when such a very extravagant sign of divine generosity takes place. There are times in our spiritual lives when we do feel that we can offer God our whole heart, the fullness of our praise, and the best of our life. But most of us do go through periods in our lives when things seem plain and ordinary. And when what we are offering God seems meagre and grudging and unpromising. We are not prayerful enough, not loving enough, or good enough – or so we may think! We may well ask ourselves, what can God do with our life – such as it is? But we do have to say that we simply do not know just what might be possible. And, in fact, we cannot know until we take the leap of faith and open our hearts to God, and say yes to God, and trust! And thus invite the miracle to take place. If Jesus can take a few gallons of water and turn it into colossal amounts of the very finest wine, then God can surely take whatever small stuff we have to offer and make it truly wonderful for the kingdom.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;  
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 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Isaiah Ch. 62 VV. 1 – 5  
1 Corinthians Ch. 12 VV. 1 – 11

John Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 11.

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS

(This Sunday Service's Intercessions led by MARK ROBERTS)



As we observe the Epiphany, of Jesus, thank you for the revelation that Christ is the Son of God. Because of Your living, breathing Word, established in the Holy Scriptures, the message is out! Jesus Christ, the Light of the world has been born to disperse the darkness that covers all people. God, your glory is displayed in mortal form. With the birth, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our life on earth will never be the same! 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 THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name 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, Sally Zeybek, Doug Tilbury, Don White, Pat Syrett and Marina Eldridge. Also, Margaret Karstens and Motsansana Manyako of Kuruman.
- The recently departed, including Sally Smith, John Roberts, Irene Timmis (Mother of Sue Moore), Christopher Roberts and Lillian Trotter. 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.