

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

| Event | Date and time | Venue |
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| Churches Together in Risborough Service for Christian Unity | Sunday 23 rd January (3:00 pm) | St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough |
| Team Morning Prayer | Wednesday 26 th January (8:45 am) | St. Mary's, Princes Risborough |
| Deanery Confirmation Service at which our Candidates Camilla Nisbet, Helena Winson, Sophie Winson & Thomas Winson will be confirmed | Sunday 30 th January (6:00 pm) | St. Mary's, Long Crendon (Also to be Live Streamed) |
| PCC Meeting (Full PCC) | Tuesday 1 st February (7:30 pm) | Streamed on Zoom (TBC) |
| Team Morning Prayer | Wednesday 2 nd February (8:45 am) | St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough |
| Team Morning Prayer | Wednesday 9 th February (8:45 am) | St. John's Lacey, Green |
| Team Morning Prayer | Wed. 16 th February (8:45 am) | Holy Trinity, Bledlow |
| Team Morning Prayer | Wed. 23 rd February (8:45 am) | St. Mary's, Princes Risborough |

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) 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 23RD JANUARY 2022
3RD 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.

WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

Recent UK Government Guidance has been reviewed. No changes are being proposed to in-church worship at St. John's for the present and these will remain in place for the immediate future:

- Wearing masks in church, is requested apart from for the choir when singing, for those leading worship and during actual receipt of Holy Communion. The congregation are requested to wear masks when moving around 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

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| 8:00 am | In-church Said BCP Communion Service (1 st & 3 rd Sun) |
| 10:00 am | In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns |
| 6:00 pm | On-line Evening Prayer with Hymns (1 st Sun). |

TUESDAY

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| 9:30 am | In-church Said Parish Communion Service |
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FOCUS ON..... CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is kept annually between 18th January and 25th January in the Northern Hemisphere, and between Ascension Day and Pentecost in the Southern Hemisphere. We are therefore invited at this time to join in a special intention to pray for closer bonds between the various Christian Churches in this country and across the world. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity theme this year is based on the story of the Magi and entitled "We Saw His Star in the East". Saint Matthew's account of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is a very familiar one; and the Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that come to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story affirms God's desire for the unity of all that is created. The materials for this year's Christian Unity Service have been prepared by the Churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. In preparing the resources for the 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Christians of the Middle East recognise that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences; and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness. Our faith challenges us to pray that Christians will work closely together to serve the purposes of the Gospel with the Christians who live around us and further afield. In this way we seek to fulfil the earnest desire of Jesus Himself in what is known as his "High Priestly Prayer" in Saint John's Gospel Chapter 17 and especially in these words from Verses 20 to 22: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me".

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Nehemiah Ch. 8 VV. 1 – 3, 5 – 6 & 8 – 10

1 Corinthians Ch. 12 VV. 12 – 31a

Luke Ch. 4 VV. 14 – 21

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS

(This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by JAMES NISBET)



Lord of peace and understanding, help us to remember that you love all people with your great love, that all religion is an attempt to respond to you. We pray for all humanity, though divided into nations, as all people are your children drawing from you their life and being. Let strife and hate be banished so that peace may fill the earth and humanity be blessed with the fruit of peace. 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 THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever, 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: 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 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.
- We pray for Camilla Nisbet, Helena Winson, Sophie Winson and Thomas Winson who will be presented for Confirmation at the Deanery Confirmation Service on Sunday 30th January at St. Mary's Long Crendon.
- 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.