

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

| Event | Date and time | Venue |
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| 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 on Youtube (link: https://youtu.be/zUpmYZfVLQg)) |
| 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 30TH JANUARY 2022
4TH 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. Today we will be marking Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple).

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..... CANDLEMAS

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem, traditionally known as Candlemas, falls on 2nd February though it is often commemorated on the nearest Sunday. It brings the 40 days of the Christmas and Epiphany season to an end. Candlemas also begins to direct our thoughts towards the coming season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter – “one last look back at Christmas”, it is said, “then turn towards the Cross”. St. Luke’s Gospel Chapter 2 tells us that, 40 days after his birth, Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple to do for him what was prescribed by the Law of Moses, the ritual acts of purification after childbirth and redemption of the first-born son. There they encounter faithful Simeon who prays the prayer which has come to be known as the Nunc Dimittis, the Canticle of Simeon, which is customarily sung or recited as part of the Candlemas ceremonies. Simeon prophesies that here indeed is a child of destiny and speaks of the redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. But he forewarns that this will not be without cost. To Mother Mary he says “and a sword will pierce your own soul too”. Also present at the Temple is Anna, a prophetess and a woman of great age who, in the encounter with the infant Christ, praises God and speaks of the importance of this child for all seeking divine redemption. “Nunc dimittis servum tuum”, the Song of Simeon – “now let your servant depart”. Simeon is ready to let go now, in peace; his faithful work is done. It may be the end of an era for Simeon and Anna, but it is also the beginning of a whole new life for all of us, made possible by this very special child. Christians are called to care for all God’s children, both literally and metaphorically, to see past our personal prejudices and our cultural preconceptions. Can we be open, as Simeon and Anna were, to the promise of divine redemption and to the amazing potential of each and every human being?

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR CANDLEMAS

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 CANDLEMAS

Malachi Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 5
Hebrews Ch. 2 VV. 14 – 18

Luke Ch. 2 VV. 22 – 40.

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS

(This Sunday Service’s Intercessions Led by GRAHAM KING)



All-powerful Father, Christ Your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May he free our hearts from sin and bring us into your presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever, 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 CANDLEMAS

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; 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, Sally Smith and Marina Eldridge. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed, including 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.
- We pray for the people of the Tongan archipelago following the recent major volcanic eruption and tsunami and for the various aid organisations bringing relief to its people.
- 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.