

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 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
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 2 nd March (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
Ash Wednesday Service (Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes)	Wed. 2 nd March (7:00 pm)	St. John's Lacey, Green
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Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 16 th March (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity, Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 23 rd March (8:45 am)	St. Mary's, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 30 th March (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough (TBC)
Palm Sunday	Sunday 10 th April (8:00 & 10:00 am)	St. John's Lacey, Green

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 6TH FEBRUARY 2022
4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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

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

9:30 am	In-church Said Parish Communion Service
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FOCUS ON..... FOLLOWING JESUS

In the episode at the beginning of Chapter 5 of Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells Simon Peter to take out his fishing boat and cast his net. Peter has been working all night without success and he is therefore more than a little sceptical. But he is obedient to the suggestion that Jesus has made, and his trust is rewarded with such an overwhelming haul of fish that he needs to summon help to be able to bring it in. What must have been an anxious and worrying situation of failure has been turned into a successful outcome that brings joy as well as amazement and awe. And this for Peter the fisherman is a moment of deep revelation; this can only have come from God. He is both overwhelmed by what he and his partner fishermen have just witnessed, but also made acutely aware of his own sinfulness. Like the prophet Isaiah in the 8th century BCE who was so aware of his human sinfulness in the presence of the Lord in the Temple in Jerusalem that he cried out; "Woe is me, I am lost ... yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts". This person in Peter's boat, the Lord Jesus, may appear very ordinary, but he has somehow brought God right into the centre of the daily work of Peter and his companions, Peter begs the Lord to leave so that his sins will not be so sharply contrasted with the light of Jesus. But Jesus reaches out to Peter in words that bring great comfort and reassurance, "Do not be afraid". This revelation of the true nature of Jesus is followed by both a confession of sin and a call to service just as Isaiah's encounter with the divine was the basis of a call to service. Peter's response is to leave everything in order to follow Jesus. And this life-changing revelation that Peter experienced happened for him in the place of his daily work. It is therefore a reminder to us that God can come to us at any time and in any place. And it affirms to us that in times of frustration and disappointment, in times of anxiety and distress, our Lord Jesus is with us in the boat.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Isaiah Ch. 6 VV. 1 – 13
1 Corinthians Ch. 15 VV. 1 – 11
Luke Ch. 5 VV. 1 – 11

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS

(This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by PAT RUSHMERE)



Jesus, Lamb of God, when you walked this earth you did not consider heavenly equality, though that was yours to choose, but took the role of servant, and in humility and obedience allowed yourself to be taken to the Cross for the sake of our salvation. And so it is that we acknowledge you as Lord of all, to the glory of God the Father, Son and Spirit, Three., Amen.

[Edited version of a prayer from www. faithandworship.com]

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 4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

This Week you are Asked to Pray for:

- We pray for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the 70th Anniversary of her Accession on this day in 1952.
- 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. 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 were confirmed on 30th January and will be receiving their First Communion at St. John's today.
- 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.