

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
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
LENT COURSE Session 1	Tuesday 8 th March (2:30 pm)	TBC
Meeting of the PCC Standing Committee	Tuesday 8 th March (7:30 pm)	TBC
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 9 th March (8:45 am)	St. John's Lacey, Green

** Please return last year's Palm Crosses for burning to form the ash to be used at this Service.

FINANCIAL POSITION AT ST JOHN'S

Our draft accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 indicate a deficit for the year of around £2,000 (equivalent to an average of around £40 per week). The initial draft budget for the year ended 31st December 2022 suggests that the deficit for the current year would be likely to be over £3,000 (equivalent to an average of around £60 per week) unless we take firm action to address the situation.

LENT STUDY COURSE

Churches Together Lent Study course this year is based on the book "Sharing the Easter Story" by Sally James. This is available to order online at £8.95. If you are not able to order online, please ask Tony to obtain a copy for you. The St. John's study sessions will be on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm commencing 8th March.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2022
2ND 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

- 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.
- We are proposing to have both the Old Testament and Epistle Lessons during 10:00 am Sunday services from the beginning of March.
- 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. We are proposing to offer, for those who wish it, hosts intincted by the Celebrant at the 10:00 am Sunday services from early March.
- 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.
- We are proposing to serve coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays from the beginning of March.

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

TUESDAY

- 9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON..... STEWARDSHIP

Our draft accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 indicate a deficit for the year of £1,837, with the Covid-19 pandemic still at present having an impact on our income. The suspension of services during lockdown in the early months of last year meant that we did not benefit from collections from those who do not give by way of stewardship and especially from visitors at popular services such as Mothering Sunday and Easter Day. And the Omicron wave at the end of the year also meant that the usually very popular Christmas services and activities were less well attended as we would have expected in normal times.

Our budget for the year ended 31st December 2022 is due to be formally presented to the PCC at our next meeting which will be on Tuesday 5th April and which, entirely coincidentally, marks the end of the Fiscal Year. However, our present draft budget for the current Calendar Year, as presented to the PCC at the beginning of this month, provisionally indicates an income for the year of £40,156.00, and expenditure of £43,177.00. This means that, on average, our predicted income this year is equivalent to £772.23 per week, and our predicted average expenditure is equivalent to £830.33 per week. And, if donations were left unchanged in 2022, then the net annual deficit would be £3,021 which equates to a gap in our finances equivalent to an average of £58.10 per week. Although the majority of COVID-19 restrictions have now been eased, and it currently appears that we are moving towards a situation in which all restrictions will be able to be lifted, it is clear that it is going to take us some time to recover from the impact that the pandemic has had on our activities and on our income. And so, on behalf of the Churchwardens, our PCC treasurer, our PCC members, and myself, I do urge you all to pray about your giving and, in particular, to consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme. More detailed information and advice is available from Caroline Gulliver, our PCC treasurer.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever, Amen.



READINGS FOR 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Genesis Ch. 2 VV. 4b – 9 & VV. 15 – 25

Revelation No. 4. VV. 1 – 11

Luke Ch. 8 VV. 22 – 25

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS

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



Heavenly Father, we turn to You who knows our deepest needs and desires. Guide us in these challenging times to make right decisions; to be a light to those around us; to support those in need and to bring glory to Your name in the communities in which we live and work.

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 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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: Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, 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 Winifred Eyett and Ron Goodearl. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families, including Charlotte Burton and Beryl Goodearl, and friends at this difficult time.
- Kelly Safaris Silva and her family who are currently in need at this time.
- 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.
- We pray for those in this country affected by the recent Storm Eunice.
- 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.