

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
LENT COURSE Session 2	Tuesday 15th March (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup> March (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity, Bledlow
LENT COURSE Session 3	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup> March (8:45 am)	St. Mary's, Princes Risborough
LENT COURSE Session 4	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup> March (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough (TBC)
Online Shorter form of BCP EVENING PRAYER with Hymns	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (6:00 pm)	On Zoom
PCC Committee Meeting	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April (7:30 pm)	TBC

## UKRAINE CRISIS

Donations to the Unicef appeal for help for the children of Ukraine can be made by telephoning 0300 330 5699 or by post to Freepost RTZU-CHYK-BHJC Unicef UK, Ukraine Appeal, 1 Westfield Avenue, London E20 1HZ. Alternatively, donations may be made to UK Aid through the Disasters Emergency Committee by texting "TIMES" to "70150" or telephoning 0370 6060 900 or by post to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, P.O. Box 999, London EC3A 3AA – donations through this appeal will be match-funded by the UK Government up to £20 million. There is a collection plate in Church for cash donations which will be forwarded on your behalf. Rotary International are appealing for medical supplies but also for blankets, mittens, knee pads, and warm socks which are to be transported by vehicle from Maidstone, and also for mother and baby supplies which will be sent through the Polish community in Banbury. We will arrange for donations of this kind to reach the appropriate dispatch point. Thank you.

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing  
**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF 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 and Graham King.

## 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.
- From Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March we will resume having both the Old Testament and Epistle Lessons read during 10:00 am Sunday services (excl. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month).
- 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 now offering, for those who wish it, hosts intincted by the Celebrant at all Communion Services.
- 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.
- Where possible we will be serving coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays.

### Weekly Services:

#### SUNDAY

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| 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                                |

#### TUESDAY

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| 9:30 am | In-church Said Parish Communion Service |
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## FOCUS ON... JESUS GRIEVES FOR JERUSALEM

We have all, at times, grieved for the loss of a loved one. But have you ever grieved for a city or place? Our Gospel reading recounts Jesus grieving for the city of Jerusalem. Jesus has been teaching the crowds in parables. He is anxious to explain that the kingdom of God is now with them in the person of Jesus; that the seeds of faith have been sown and that these will blossom forth in due time. But there is also a warning to those who did not respond and follow. As in the Old Testament, a failure to repent can lead to judgement. These were uncomfortable messages for many of his hearers. Despite the warnings of the Pharisees and the looming threat from the authorities, Jesus had work to do in continuing his ministry "today and tomorrow". It was urgent work for Jesus knew that the day of reckoning was soon coming. We can only speculate at the extent of the mental anguish that Jesus must have suffered. His knowledge of what was to come, his desperate attempts to explain the need to take heed of his words and yet the lack of belief and comprehension of many around him. Judgement would soon fall on them. "Your house is abandoned" is a prophetic warning of the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple. But Jesus still deeply loved "the children of Jerusalem". Or as our Gospel reading today puts it, a desire to "gather her children together like a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings"; a frequently quoted phrase from the psalms. And this is not only an historical love of Jesus for the first century occupants of Jerusalem. It is a love which continues to this day through successive generations by the power of the Holy Spirit; to protect, to comfort, to nurture and to guide us in the right paths. So in this season of Lent, may we proceed together in faith, towards the risen glory of Easter for our future is assured if we commit to follow Jesus day by day.

GRAHAM KING

## COLLECT FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



## READINGS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis Ch. 15 VV. 1 – 12 & VV. 17 – 18  
Philippians Ch. 3 V. 17 – Ch. 4 V. 1

Luke Ch. 13 VV. 31 – 35.

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



### A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby  
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves  
to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which  
may assault and hurt the soul; 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, Marina Eldridge and Marcus Barthropp. 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 Peace in the Ukraine.
- 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.