

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
LENT COURSE Session 4	Tuesday 29 th March (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 30 th March (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough (TBC)
St. John's Spring Coffee Morning / Craft Fayre <i>Come and join us for Coffee with Cake etc. LOTS OF STALLS (Tombola, Cakes, Books, Handicrafts etc)</i>	Saturday 2nd April (9:30 am to 12:30 pm)	Lacey Green Village Hall
Online Shorter form of BCP EVENING PRAYER with Hymns	Sunday 3 rd April (6:00 pm)	On Zoom
LENT COURSE Session 5	Tuesday 5 th April (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
PCC Committee Meeting	Tuesday 5 th April (7:30 pm)	TBC
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Sunday 15 th May	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 27TH MARCH 2022
MOTHERING SUNDAY

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.
- From Sunday 13th March we will resume having both the Old Testament and Epistle Lessons read during 10:00 am Sunday services (excl. 1st 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

8:00 am	In-church Said BCP Communion Service (1 st & 3 rd Sun)
10:00 am	In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

TUESDAY

9:30 am	In-church Said Parish Communion Service
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FOCUS ON... MOTHERING SUNDAY

It is largely to Constance Adelaide Smith, a High Church Anglican, that we owe the commemoration of Mothering Sunday as we nowadays know it in this country. She was born at Dagnall in north-east Buckinghamshire in 1878, as one of seven children of an Anglican clergyman, Charles Penswick Smith, who later became Vicar of Coddington in Nottinghamshire. All four of her brothers became Anglican priests. She became a governess in Germany in the late 19th century but, by 1901, she had returned to Nottingham to become a dispenser of medicines, initially at the Hospital for Skin Diseases and then, in 1909, at the Nottingham lodge of the Girls Friendly Society. She advocated for Mothering Sunday as a day for, and this a quotation from one of her publications, recognising "Mother Church, mothers of earthly homes, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Mother Nature". She based her work in promoting the keeping of the Fourth Sunday of Lent as Mothering Sunday on medieval traditions around this theme. Together with Ellen Porter, a colleague from the Girls' Friendly Society, Smith successfully established a movement to promote Mothering Sunday, collecting and publishing information about the day and its traditional observance throughout the UK. This included research into local traditions, such as the making of simnel and wafer cakes. Constance never married and had no children herself. But, by the time of her death in Nottingham in 1938, Mothering Sunday was said to be observed in every Parish in Britain, and across all those countries which, in Constance Adelaide Smith's time, were part of what was at that time still then known as the British Empire. Not least on Mothering Sunday, then, we give thanks for the parental care of a loving God. We give thanks for our own Mothers and for those who have exercised a maternal role in our lives. And we commit ourselves once again to sharing that love divine with others, with our own loved ones, and beyond.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 MOTHERING SUNDAY

Exodus Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 10
Colossians Ch. 3 VV. 12 – 17

Luke Ch. 2 VV. 33 – 35

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS

(This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by JUNE BRAZIER)



Christ our saviour, your mercy has a healing touch you remake us in Your tenderness and love. Your compassion brings forgiveness and grace. Your love shows us the beauty of heaven.

Thank you, Lord, for showering us with our mothers' love. Thank you, Lord, for their concern and care. Thank you, Lord, for all our mothers give us. Thank you almighty for the joys our mothers share with us. Through 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 MOTHERING SUNDAY

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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 and an end to the conflict.
- We pray for countries where there have been natural disasters, for their peoples and for the various aid organisations bringing relief.
- We give thanks for the release of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori from imprisonment in Iran.
- 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.