

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Monday of Holy Week Compline	11 th April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Tuesday of Holy Week Compline	12 th April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 13 th April (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Wednesday of Holy Week Compline	13 th April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar	14 th April (8:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Good Friday Act of Witness (Churches Together in Risborough)	15 th April (11:00 am)	Market Square Princes Risborough
Good Friday Last Hour & Erection of the Cross in Church Lane	15 th April (2:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Easter Saturday Easter Liturgy	16 th April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Easter Day Sunrise Service (Churches Together in Risborough)	Sunday 17 th April (6:00 am)	Whiteleaf Cross
Easter Day Communion Services	Sunday 17 th April (8:00 am & 10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Easter Day Evensong	Sunday 17 th April (6:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 20 th April (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 27 th April (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
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 10TH APRIL 2022
PALM SUNDAY
(6TH 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.

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.
- 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.
- From Easter Sunday, the Sidesmen will be resuming taking a Collection during the Offertory Hymn. Alternatively, offerings can be left in the jar at the back of the Church.

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

FOCUS ON... HOLY WEEK

The traditional observance of Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday for which the Liturgy of the Church comprises both a commemoration of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem for what was to be the final week of his earthly life, and a reflection on the Gospel narratives of the culmination of Jesus' public ministry, the Passion of the Christ. In many places, there is a custom of reading or singing the words of one of the Gospel Passion narratives by way of three (or, perhaps, more) voices. As Holy Week unfolds, we ponder the deep mysteries of our faith, and we reflect on the mystical connection between love and suffering, and the divine promise that our God is with us in all things. On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate the Last Supper when Jesus first instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion and when he washed the feet of his disciples as a practical demonstration of his great commandment, "love one another as I have loved you". And, metaphorically speaking, we are taken in prayer to the garden of remembrance to watch and wait with our Lord on the eve of his crucifixion. On Good Friday, we gaze into the deep abyss of sorrow and sadness as we reflect on the astonishing events of our salvation wrought through our Lord's Passion and Saving Death on the Cross. On Holy Saturday, we contemplate Christ resting in the tomb, and so we watch and wait once more as we look for the Good News of the Resurrection and as we await the arrival of the joy and glory of Easter. And on Easter Day itself, we join with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, in attesting to the Good News of the Resurrection. Together, then, with the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant, we share in the great and joyful proclamation of Easter: "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 PALM SUNDAY

Luke Ch. 19 VV. 28 – 40

Isaiah Ch. 50 VV. 4 – 9a
Philippians Ch. 2 VV. 5 – 11

Luke Ch. 23 VV. 1 – 49

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER

(This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by MARK ROBERTS)



Jesus Christ, we come before you with thanksgiving as we celebrate Palm Sunday. It's the day we commemorate your entry into Jerusalem on a mission to pay for our sins and to give us eternal life. You knew the anguish awaiting you and you still proceeded so that your father's will would be fulfilled. Your love and obedience saved us, and now we are the children of God.

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 PALM SUNDAY

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father, 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, Sally Zeybek, Doug Tilbury, Don White, Pat Syrett, Sally Smith, Marina Eldridge and Marcus Barthropp. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed including Phillipa King. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families, including Stuart and Lila King, their family and friends at this difficult time.
- Kelly Safaris Silva and her family who are currently in need at this time.
- We pray for countries where there have been natural disasters, for their peoples and for the various aid organisations bringing relief.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine.
- 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.

