

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

| Event | Date and time | Venue |
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| 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 | St. John's Church |
| "Jazz from the Musicals Show" Gavin Mole and singer Gary Bland will present a pilot performance of a new one-hour show which will be debuting in London later in the year. Come and celebrate with us in style with such songs as Luck Be A Lady, A Foggy Day, Strike Up The Band and many more well-known favourites. Tickets are only £10. Profits will go to St John's Church and to support our Ukrainian friends. | Saturday 4 th June (7:00 pm) (Tickets include Refreshments Afterwards) | St. John's Church |

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 17TH APRIL 2022
EASTER DAY

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:

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| 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... Easter Day

The author of Saint John's Gospel tells us that, on the first Easter Day, Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb in which the body of Jesus had been laid and she ran to inform Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple that the stone with which the tomb had been sealed had been removed. Then, after the disciples had reached and entered the tomb and found it to be empty, they returned uncomprehending to their homes. But Mary stayed there, weeping, until prompted by angels clothed in white she turned round to see Jesus standing there, whom she supposed to be the gardener. And then he spoke to her, calling her by name, and then all her doubts and her sorrows and her fears and her tears, were washed away. The Gospel of Saint John tells us that, full of joy, Mary raced off to announce the Good News of the Resurrection; "I have seen the Lord", she said. Thus it is that, in some Christian traditions, Mary Magdalene is known as the "apostle to the apostles".

And so the overwhelming emotion on Easter Day is joy. What the Churches of the Eastern Orthodox tradition would regard as "cosmic joy" as the whole universe resounds in celebration of the great work of salvation in Christ. Joy and wonder at the glory of the created world which is bursting forth, exploding, with new life in puzzling and complex ways beyond our intellect to fully comprehend and interpret. Joy and wonder at the glory of the promise of the Resurrection by which the things of this world are transformed and raised up to a new level, bursting and brimming with new life in ways which are all the more incomprehensible to us and beyond human capacity to truly understand.

On Easter Day, then, we simply bask in the joy of the message of Easter and rejoice with Mary Magdalene and the first disciples of Jesus that the Lord our God is truly risen for us. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity, Amen.



READINGS FOR EASTER DAY

Acts Ch. 10 VV. 34 – 43
1 Corinthians Ch.15 VV. 19 – 26

John Ch. 20 VV. 1 – 18

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER

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



Lord of life, truth and grace bring all creation to delight in your peace. Spirit of truth, come to your Church. Fill us with love for the Father and the Son and in line with Christian teachings of faith, hope and love. Let us all be guided to help one another.

Spirit of truth come to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. We pray especially for the people of the Ukraine, who are surviving under unacceptable devastation of their Country, and pray that this war will be brought to an end. We pray for a world damaged by the Coronavirus pandemic. We pray for the safety and protection of all key workers, in the NHS and elsewhere, and for the children, the young people, the elderly and the vulnerable.

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 EASTER DAY

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
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, 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.