

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
Ascension Day Service	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> May (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
<b>"Jazz from the Musicals Show"</b> 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.	<u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June</u> (7:00 pm)  (Tickets include Refreshments Afterwards. Tickets from Gavin, Tony, Pat or Margaret)	St. John's Church
Platinum Jubilee service with Holy Eucharist (No All-Age)	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
All-Age Worship with Holy Communion	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Lighthouse Quiz <i>Advance booking for individuals, or tables of 8, essential – book with Jamie Carter on 01844 273286</i>	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June (7:30 pm)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
St. John's Church Summer Fete.	9 <sup>th</sup> July (12 Noon to 4:00 pm)	St. John's Church Vicarage Garden

## 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 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2022**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### 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

We are not currently proposing to make any changes to our Covid-19 measures in Church. Wearing masks in church, is requested when moving around in Church. Please maintain social distancing where possible and sanitise your hands. We are now offering, for those who wish it, hosts intincted by the Celebrant at all Communion Services. 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.

We are shortly going to receive a card reader so we can take cashless offerings during services / donations. Linked to this we also have a QR code for members of the congregation to donate via their Smartphone, which can be used as of now. You will need a QR reader App to use this. Thank you for however you choose to make your offering.



### Weekly Services:

#### SUNDAY

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

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

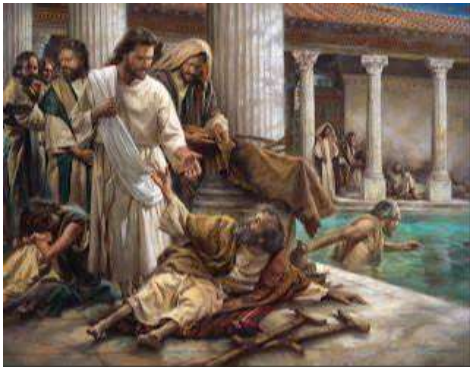
## FOCUS ON... THE POOL OF BETHESDA

According to the Gospel of John, Bethesda was a bathing pool with five porticoes (translated as porches in the King James translation of the Bible). Until the 19th century, there was no clear archaeological evidence for the existence of such a pool. The Pool of Bethesda was sometimes identified by commentators with the modern so-called Fountain of the Virgin, in the Kidron Valley, not far from the Pool of Siloam, or alternatively with the Birket Isrâ'il, a pool near the mouth of the valley, which runs into the Kidron south of St. Stephen's Gate. Others identified it with the twin pools then called the Souterrains (French for "subterranean"), under the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. Subsequent archaeological investigation has identified these pools with the later Struthion Pool. However, as early as the fifth century, there was a Byzantine church in what became the precincts of the Church of St. Anne, called the Church of the Probatike (the Church at the Probatik Pool, or the Pool of the Sheep) or the Church of the Lame Man. This site, as subsequently excavated by archaeologists, seems to fit plausibly well with the description of Bethesda in John's Gospel. The Johannine text (chapter 5) describes the porticoes as being a place in which large numbers of infirm people were waiting, which corresponds well with the site's apparent use in the First Century AD as an Asclepeion (healing temple). The biblical narrative in John's Gospel continues by describing a Shabbat visit to the site by Jesus, during which he healed a man who had been bedridden for many years, and could not make his own way into the pool. The healing, and the instruction that Jesus gave to the man seeking healing to take up his mat, prompted a vehement protest that the religious customs of the Sabbath had thereby been violated.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

### COLLECT FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts Ch. 16 VV. 9 – 15  
Revelation No. 21 V. 10 & No. 22  
VV. 1 – 5

John Ch. 5 VV. 1 – 9

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER

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



Creator God, Because of your abundant love you chose to bring light and order into the formless void, to create a world of unsurpassed beauty and you saw that it was good. We ask that you continue to recreate the world with that same attentive love, to bring light into today's ever-increasing chaos and darkness where we have failed to be stewards and carers of your creation. Replenish our hearts so that we too can renew the face of the earth. Amen.

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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 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever, 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. That there will be a rapid end to the fighting and the suffering for its People.
- 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.