

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
<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
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Bledlow
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
PCC Committee Meeting	Tuesday <u>21<sup>st</sup> June</u> (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
All-Age Worship with Holy Communion	Sunday <u>3<sup>rd</sup> July</u> (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
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 basket in Church for cash donations which will be forwarded on your behalf. Thank you.

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



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing  
**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**  
**SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**  
**(7<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
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## FOCUS ON... THE VISIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

It is in the first chapter of Saint Luke's Gospel that we find the account of the visit of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth; an event which the Church commemorates on 31<sup>st</sup> May. The celebration of this feast-day was first observed at a Franciscan Order General Chapter in 1263, but quickly spread throughout Europe. Since it is a celebration clearly recorded in the Gospel, the Churches of the Reformation were disinclined to remove it from the liturgical calendar as they were for a number of other feast-days dedicated to the Virgin Mary, especially as this encounter was the occasion for Mary to sing the Magnificat, her great song of praise in honour of her Lord and God. The author of Saint Luke's Gospel sees John the Baptist as the last in the succession of the prophets of the old covenant, and he presents his account of the leaping of the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb as the first time that her son John the Baptist bears witness to the Christ as the promised Messiah. In doing so, Luke links the old covenant with the new. He appears to be saying that, just as the old covenant very clearly points to the identity of Jesus as the promised Messiah, so too John the Baptist as its last prophet, as yet unborn at the time of the meeting of these two holy women.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

### COLLECT FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



John 17:20-26

### READINGS FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts Ch. 16 VV. 16 – 34  
Revelation No. 22 VV. 12 – 14 &  
VV. 16 – 17

John Ch. 17 VV. 20 – 26.

### PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER

(This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by JAMES NISBET)



Loving God, may your Holy Spirit wash over us all and melt even the hardest of hearts to see that the barriers which divide each and every one of your children on earth are barriers of human making. Help us to see the face of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ in the eyes of all whom we meet – for no one is outside the covenant of his grace and love

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

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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, Marcus Barthropp Baby Noah and his parents Zoe and Christian and Mark Bilsborough. 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.

### ALPHA COURSE

An Alpha Course at St Mary's Church in Princes Risborough is starting in June. It will be held at their "yurt" at Church Farm in Saunderton. The dates for are: Wednesdays - 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th June and 6th, 13th and 20th July 2022. On 9th July there will be Holy Spirit Morning/Afternoon/Evening (tbc). The evenings will start at 7.30pm with coffee and refreshments and some of the Alpha films will be shown, as well as potentially asking a couple of people to join for the evening to share their stories of coming to faith, so basically very informal and all based around conversation, hospitality and welcome. For further details, please speak to Canon Tony.