

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
All-Age Worship with Holy Communion	Sunday 3 rd July (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
PCC Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday 5 th July (7:30 pm)	Pat Rushmere's House
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 6 th July (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
St. John's Church Summer Fete. EVENT CANCELLED	Saturday 9th July (12 Noon to 4:00 pm)	St. John's Church Vicarage Garden
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 13 th July (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 20 th July (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity, Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 20 th July (8:45 am)	NO MEETING DUE TO LIGHTHOUSE
St. John's Sponsored Walk <i>Organised by Vince Stothard</i>	Saturday 17 th September	Lacey Green Area ending at The Vicarage

SUMMER FETE

Regrettably we have had to cancel the proposed summer fete on 9th July. Events such as these require a lot of people if they are to be staged successfully. Unfortunately, on this occasion, a number of our usual helpers are not available on that date, and also with there being a clash with the Speen Fete on the same day, it seemed safer to call it off. We are looking at organising an alternative event (or events) over the summer period, so please keep an eye out for the details.

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 3RD JULY 2022
FESTIVAL OF ST. THOMAS
THE APOSTLE

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 now optional except for the Lady chapel where we request that masks are still worn in this part of the Church. Please continue to maintain social distancing where possible and sanitise your hands. We are continuing to offer, for those who wish it, hosts intincted by the Celebrant at all Communion Services. Reintroduction of the Common Cup will be considered again at a later time. The Lady Chapel area will continue to be set aside as a mandatory social distancing area for those who feel they need to socially distance themselves from others and where masks will be worn. 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 (1st & 3rd Sun)
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

TUESDAY

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON... ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

The feast-day of St. Thomas the Apostle, called "Didymus" (twin) falls on 3rd July. The references to him in St. John's Gospel give a sharp impression of the kind of person he was: ready to die with his Master (Jn. 11:16); drawing from Jesus at the Last Supper the declaration "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn. 14:5-7); initially sceptical about the truth of the resurrection, but when the risen Christ was made plain to him he was whole-hearted in his belief and his devotion, responding in the words "My Lord and my God (Jn. 20:24-28)! According to tradition, Thomas took the Gospel message as far as India where, for many centuries, the Christian believers of Kerala have called themselves "St. Thomas Christians". It has also been said that he evangelised Parthia and in the Fourth Century his relics were claimed to be at Edessa in Upper Mesopotamia which was an early centre of Christian learning. St. Thomas the Apostle is regarded as the Patron Saint of India by its Christian adherents. He is also the Patron Saint of architects and builders, being himself said to have been a builder by trade. He is commonly portrayed as holding a spear in one hand and a book in the other.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR FESTIVAL OF ST. THOMAS

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



READINGS FOR ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Habakkuk Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 4
Ephesians Ch. 2 VV. 19 – 22

John Ch. 20 VV. 24 – 29

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER

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



Heavenly Father, we pray that, as Christ's body here on earth and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we might bring healing and new life to those who suffer in mind, body and soul, both within our churches and in wider society. May we be bringers of forgiveness, kindness, faith, hope and love. May we know your

presence with us, may we find you in one another, and may we be Christ for others.

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 ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost, sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love: 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, Marcus Barthropp, Gary Webb and Mark Bilsborough. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed including Alan Luxford and Di Home. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families 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. Particularly praying for the country of Afghanistan following the recent earthquake.
- 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.

LADIES' BREAKFAST AT ST MARY'S, PRINCES RISBOROUGH

St. Mary's are resuming Ladies Breakfasts on Saturdays every two months between 09:00 and 10:30 am. The dates for the first few are 23rd July, 3rd September and 5th November 2022 and 7th January 2023. If any ladies would like to come, they would be most welcome. To book a place, or for further details, please contact Rev. Rose Williams (01844 274225) rosewilliams@yaho.co.uk or Hazel Williams 07786853464.

AND FINALLY.....

A little girl told her parents that she had been to a confirmation service with a party from her school. She said that she had met the bishop, and she now knows what a crook looks like.....