

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
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
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 3 rd August (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 10 th August (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Garden Party	Sunday 21 st August (3:00 to 5:00 pm)	Lane Farm, Church Lane, Lacey Green
St. John's Sponsored Walk <i>Organised by Vince Stothard</i>	Saturday 17 th September	Lacey Green Area ending at The Vicarage

GARDEN PARTY

WITH MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY 21st AUGUST 2022

3:00 pm TO 5:00 pm (OPEN FROM 2:30pm)
AT LANE FARM, CHURCH LANE, LACEY GREEN

RAFFLE / TOMBOLA / STALLS

Tickets in advance Adults £10 – Children £5

Tickets on the day Adults £12 – Children £6

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@btinternet.com or Hazel Williams 07786853464.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 17TH JULY 2022
5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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. This Sunday we welcome Bishop Brian of Kimberley and Kuruman and Mrs Cheryl Marajh to our main service.

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 have now received the card reader so we will shortly be able to 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..... MARY AND MARTHA

The visit of Jesus to the sisters Mary and Martha forms a brief respite in the travels of Jesus and his disciples on the road. This incident is short and apparently simple. Jesus arrives for a meal and a rest in his busy schedule. Martha runs herself ragged with the preparations while Mary sits quietly listening to their guest. When Martha complains to Jesus, urging him to get Mary to help her, she receives a gentle rebuke rather than the supportive response she had hoped for. For centuries, the Church has often used this incident with Jesus and the two sisters to illustrate the difference between active and contemplative ways of seeking God – with Mary, the contemplative, being commended for choosing the “better part”. But this traditional interpretation inevitably leaves us with questions. Isn’t Martha’s complaint understandable? Do we find Jesus’ rebuke of her fair in the circumstances? What does this say to those whose vocation is active, rather than a call to prayer and contemplation? If, as tradition has often taught, contemplation and action are both equally important to the Christian journey, why then does Jesus here claim that contemplation is “the better part”? But, when we shift the focus of our study of this Bible passage, the apparent contradictions dissolve. There are indeed times when over busyness, and mental and emotional distraction, are all too familiar experiences for most of us. But it is precisely at the pressure points of our greatest distraction that Jesus speaks to each one of us as he did to Martha. We, too, may be “worried and distracted by many things”. On the contrary, Brother Lawrence used to claim that, even when he was surrounded by all the daily clatter and bustle of the monastery kitchen, where he spent most of the working day, he possessed God “in as great tranquillity as if I were upon my knees before the Blessed Sacrament”. Now that is a challenge indeed!

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.



READINGS FOR 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Genesis Ch. 18 VV. 1 – 10a
Colossians Ch. 1 VV. 15 – 28

Luke Ch. 10 VV. 38 – 42

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the gifts we have received this week - for sunshine and blue skies, for fresh fruit and vegetables, for verdant gardens and colourful foliage. We thank you for our families, friends and neighbours, and good health. We do earnestly pray for all who are not so fortunate, either through natural disasters, floods and fires, or wars and oppression. We continue in Faith - to know you are always with us, to guide us, to protect us, and to inspire us to give help where it is needed. We pray for your mercy and compassion throughout the whole world. In the name of Jesus, your son. Amen.

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 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; 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, Don White, Pat Syrett, Marcus Barthropp, Gary Webb and Mark Bilsborough. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed including Doug Tilbury 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.

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. Thank you.