

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Funeral Service for the late Douglas Ian Evans Tilbury <i>(Followed by committal at the Chilterns Crematorium)</i>	Monday 1 st August (2:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 3 rd August (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
In Church Parish Communion <i>(Not All-Age Worship this Month)</i>	Sunday 7 th August (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 10 th August (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 17 th August (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
All Age Worship with Holy Communion	Sunday 21 st August (10:00 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

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 31ST JULY 2022
7TH 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.

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...WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH?

How much would you need to make you feel really comfortable? We live in a culture based on accumulation of assets. But we cannot do this in isolation. The temptation is to store away a little bit more just in case. And so, when does prudence turn into greed? This is not a new issue. Jesus was walking in the street when a passer-by demanded of him "tell my brother to divide my father's estate with me". But Jesus took the opportunity to expand on the wider theme; "guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by what you own". As is often the case, the wrong question was asked and an unexpected answer was received. And so, we enter the world of the rich farmer, blessed with fertile land and high crop yields in excess of his needs. He has enough but he wants some more ... and then some more. And why? Not to share with his neighbours or the poor but in order to "take it easy, eat, drink and be merry". How we all like, from time to time, to "take it easy, to eat, drink and be merry". Indeed, Jesus was not averse to enjoying life with his friends and family, as at the wedding feast in Canaan and he promised life in all its abundance. But that is different from a life of devotion to personal, selfish indulgence at the exclusion of all else. And this is the crucial message. To follow God, would require the love and commitment of his heart and soul. And so, it is the same for us. God is willing us to choose a relationship with him above all other earthly desires. And he patiently waits for each of us to come to him in the reassurance that no-one will be turned away. As Jesus concludes; "Yes a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God". In these times of foodbanks, refugees, inequalities and seemingly limitless needs around us both near and far, we are all called to reflect on what this story means to us and our lives today.

Graham King

COLLECT FOR 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Ecclesiastes Ch. 1 V. 2 & VV
12 – 14 & Ch. 2 VV. 18 – 23
Colossians Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 11

Luke Ch. 12 VV. 13 – 21

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure. Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look. As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are labouring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence. Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation, 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 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he 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, 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 and the widespread wildfires in Europe.
- 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.