

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
All Age Worship with Holy Communion	Sunday 4 th September (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 7 th September (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
In Church Parish Communion (Not All-Age Worship this Month)	Sunday 7 th August (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 14 th September (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
St. John's Sponsored Walk <i>Organised by Vince Stothard</i>	Saturday 17 th September	Lacey Green Area ending at The Vicarage
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 21 st September (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity, Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 28 th September (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
All Age Worship with Holy Communion. Harvest Festival	Sunday 2 nd October (10:00 am)	St. John's Church

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 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022
12TH 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 (1 st & 3 rd 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 COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in today's world? How are we to live as Christians in what can appear to be an increasingly secular society? How can we best respond to the Gospel imperative to put Jesus first; and to recall everything else as secondary to the way of discipleship? And if we say that Christianity is all about family, then what do we make of the words of Jesus in Chapter 14 Verse 26 which asks of us that we set aside our close family, and even that we set aside our life itself? If we hold that the core message of the teaching of Jesus is love of God and neighbour, then surely that embraces our devotion to our family too. Being a faithful Christian does involve making choices, and they can be choices which are not easy to face or to make. Following Jesus does mean sooner or later that there will be a cost. The same is indeed true of everything we do – be it sport, exams, work, personal relationships. Whether it be study, training, work, relationships, or discipleship, there is always a price in achieving what we want. As some fitness gurus have been known to say: there is no gain without pain. For the German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, his Christian discipleship led him into active and outspoken opposition to the Nazi dictatorship. As a result, he was arrested by the Gestapo in April 1943 and imprisoned at Tegel prison. Later he was transferred to Flossenbürg concentration camp where he was hanged on 9th April 1945 as the Nazi regime was collapsing. In his 1937 book "The Cost of Discipleship", Bonhoeffer wrote these telling words about the Christian journey: "If we answer the call to discipleship, where will it lead us? What decisions and partings will it demand? Only Jesus, who bids us to follow him, knows the journey's end. But we do know that it will be a road of boundless mercy." As Jesus once called the crowds to a lifestyle of discipleship, he now calls us. Do we hear him? How will we respond?

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

[Deuteronomy Ch. 30 VV. 15 – 20]
Philemon VV. 1 – 21

Luke Ch. 14 VV. 25 – 33

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



We pray for all Christians worshipping in the world; for our government who will be making important decisions this week; we pray for all within our homes and communities, may we be aware of one another's gifts and needs and show our love and care in a positive way; and we pray for all who are suffering in any way. We thank you for the gifts and talents you have given us. Give us the courage to use them for the good of the world., 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 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of 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, Sally Zeybek, Don White, Marcus Barthropp, Gary Webb, Lila King and Rita Probert. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed. 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 Pakistan following the recent major floods 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 Kimberley and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.