

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Service of Commemoration for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with Holy Communion	Sunday 18 th September (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 21 st Sep (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity, Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 28 th Sep (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
PCC Meeting	Tues 4 th Oct (7:45 pm)	St. John's Church
Harvest Festival with Holy Communion.	Sunday 16 th 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 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022
SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION OF
HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN
ELIZABETH II

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. 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.

At many of our services we are now able to take cashless offerings during services / donations on our card reader. 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

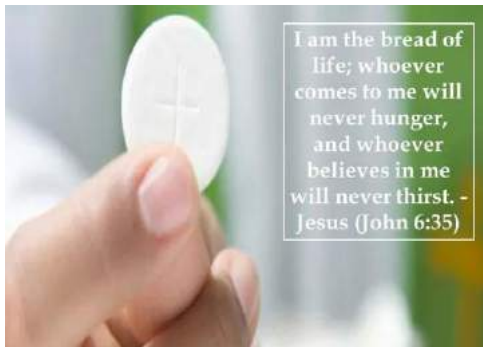
FOCUS ON...HOLY CROSS DAY

Celebrated on September 14th, Holy Cross Day is a festal occasion which honours and commemorates the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on the cross for the salvation of the world. The commemoration is also known as "The Triumph of the Cross" in the Roman Catholic Church and as the "Exaltation of the Holy Cross" in the Eastern Orthodox Churches. In some circles, this day is also called Holy Rood Day. Rood is an archaic Old English word for pole with proto-Germanic origins. In fact, rood was originally the only Old English word for the instrument by which Jesus Christ was executed by the Roman authorities. The words crúc and in the North cros (from either Old Irish or Old Norse) appeared by late Old English; and the word crucifix is first recorded in English in the Ancrene Wisse of about 1225CE. More precisely, the Rood or Holyrood was the True Cross, the specific wooden cross used in Christ's crucifixion. The word remains in use in some names and notably Holyrood Palace, Her Majesty the Queen's official residence in the centre of Edinburgh; and in the seminal Anglo-Saxon poem The Dream of the Rood. Holy Cross Day has been associated with the dedication of buildings erected by Emperor Constantine in Jerusalem on the sites of Christ's crucifixion and his tomb. This dedication occurred on September 14th in the year 335CE. During the excavation, a relic that was believed to be the true cross was discovered by Constantine's mother, Helena. From the fourth century on, the Church of Jerusalem claimed to have this relic in their possession and held a feast to celebrate its discovery. Holy Cross Day also celebrates the exposition given at Jerusalem on the matter of the cross by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius. There are unverified claims that he had recovered the cross from the Persians who had seized it from Jerusalem around the 7th century when they sacked the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT

Hear, O Lord, the prayers of your people, as we remember before you our late Sovereign Lady QUEEN ELIZABETH: and grant that we who confess your name on earth may with her be made perfect in the kingdom of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end, *Amen*.



READINGS

Lamentations Ch. 3 VV. 22 to 26
& VV. 31 to 33
2 Corinthians Ch. 4 V. 16 to Ch. 5
V. 4

John Ch. 6 VVV. 35 to 40

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Throughout the World, prayers are being offered for our Queen Elizabeth the Second. We thank God, our heavenly Father, for the life and reign of Elizabeth, for a lifetime of service and love. She served you faithfully and shone as a light in the world. She was your most loyal subject, and a wonderful role model for all. We will miss her warm personality always. As we mourn, we know with certainty that our Queen Elizabeth will now be at Eternal Peace and Love in Your Heavenly Kingdom. God Bless all who pray and serve. 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

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; 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, Sally Zeybek, Kelly Safaris Silva, Marcus Barthropp, Gary Webb, Lila King, Rita Probert and Rev Nancy Wallace. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- We pray for the soul of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who sadly passed away at Balmoral on 8th September 2022. We pray for King Charles III, Queen Camilla and all of the Royal Family at this sad time.
- The recently departed including Don White. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families and friends at this difficult 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 Kimberly and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.