

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 28 th September (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
All Age Worship with Holy Communion	Sunday 2 nd October (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
PCC Meeting	Tues 4 th October (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 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022
15TH 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

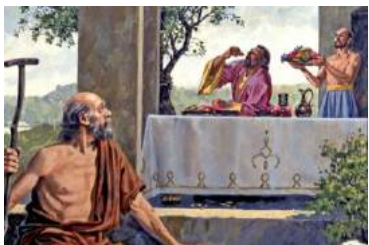
FOCUS ON...THE RICH MAN & LAZARUS

This familiar story recounts a rich man living a life of luxury. He ate well and wore fine linen coloured purple. This was in stark contrast to Lazarus, the beggar at his gate, longing for scraps of food from the rich man's table. The stark difference in their respective positions in society and wealth was bad enough but the fact that the rich man knew of the predicament of Lazarus and yet did nothing to help, even though he had the means to do so, was particularly damning. The story was about to take a dramatic turn. Both Lazarus and the rich man died. But their situations were to become radically different. Lazarus, we are told, was "carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet". This would have been the seat of honour and so a radical contrast to the treatment of Lazarus in his earthly life. But the rich man, we are told, went to "the place of the dead and there in torment saw Abraham in the distance with Lazarus at his side". The rich man calls out to Abraham to get Lazarus to relieve his pain. But Abraham refuses his request. "Son, you had everything in your lifetime but Lazarus had nothing. Now he is being comforted". Abraham continues that there is a great chasm now separating them which no-one can cross. And so, it would seem that the state after death is permanent; you either accept Jesus and join the heavenly banquet or you reject this and place yourself outside the kingdom for eternity. The rich man has one further plea to Abraham; if you send someone back from the dead to warn people, they are more likely to listen. Abraham's final response is damning; if they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen to someone who rises from the dead. Perhaps this can, on occasions, apply to us. We fail to realise the Messiah when he appears in places and in people that we aren't expecting. How often that word of kindness or smile comes from the most unlikely source. Or in the words of Caesarius, Archbishop of Arles in the fifth century; "what is it that you are looking for when you come to church? The beggar asks for a scrap to eat. You ask for eternal life. Give to the beggar so that you deserve to receive from Christ. For what sort of people are we if we want to take what God gives but refuse to give when he asks?".

Graham King (LLM)

COLLECT FOR 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Amos Ch. 6 V. 1a & VV. 4 – 7
1 Timothy Ch. 6 VV. 6 – 19

Luke Ch. 16 VV. 19 – 31

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Father, as we remember those who have asked for our prayers, take their needs and provide for them; take their wounds and heal them; take their suffering and comfort. We ask these prayers in the assurance that you hear us when we turn to you, 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 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fail, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
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, Marcus Barthropp, Gary Webb, Lila King, Rita Probert and Rev Nancy Wallace. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed including our Late Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II and Don White. 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.
- 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.

