

## NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
All Age Worship with Holy Communion	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
PCC Meeting	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> October (7:45 pm)	St. John's Church
Harvest Festival with Holy Communion.	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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...ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The feast-day of Saint Francis of Assisi falls on 4th October. He was born in 1187, the son of a wealthy cloth merchant, and as a young man lived what has been described as a frivolous and carefree life. However, personal experience of sickness and civil warfare had a huge impact on his life and, one day in the Church of San Damiano, he is said to have experienced a vision of Christ who said to him "Francis, rebuild my fallen Church". He then sold goods from his Father's warehouse to repair the Church and, when his Father disowned him, Francis left to "wed Lady Poverty". Three years later, in 1210, Pope Innocent III authorised Francis and eleven companions to be roving preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a life of simplicity and lowliness. In time the movement that Francis instigated evolved into a monastic order of preaching friars. In 1212, with Saint Clare, he founded a community of religious sisters who became known as "Poor Clares". In common with the Celtic Saints, Francis was renowned for his love of nature and his empathy with animals. In 1224, while he was in prayer on Monte La Verna in the Apennines, there appeared on his body scars which corresponded with the five wounds of Christ and which never left him, a phenomenon which is known as "stigmata". In modern times admiration for Saint Francis has become widespread and spontaneous amongst Christians of all denominations. It has been said of Saint Francis that "he was a man of tremendous spiritual insight and power, whose consuming love for Jesus Christ and redeemed creation found expression in all he said and did". Saint Francis was and is often pictured with the stigmata. In 1979 Pope John Paul II proclaimed Francis as Patron Saint of ecologists.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

### COLLECT FOR 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them, 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 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Habakkuk Ch. 1 VV 1 – 4 & Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 4.

2 Timothy Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 14

Luke Ch. 17 VV. 5 – 10

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the brilliant colours of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life. May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others. May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary, and life is eternal. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever, *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 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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 Kimberley and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.