

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Harvest Festival with Holy Communion.	Sunday 16 th October (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Harvest Evensong	Sunday 16 th October (6:00 pm)	St. John's Church
All Saints and Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed	Sunday 2 nd November (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Bereavement Service	Sunday 20 th November (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Sunday 16th October. Any gifts of fresh produce (fruit and vegetables) to decorate the church will be gratefully received on Saturday 15th October or before then. Please speak to Pat or Margaret about any items of fresh produce you would like to donate. Non-perishable Harvest donations (packets, tins, bottles and bottles can be gifted during the services and these will be donated to the One Can Trust after the service. Perishable Harvest donations (Fruit and Vegetables) can also be accepted by the One Can Trust or can be made available for Parishioners in return for donations to our Harvest Appeal Charities. Cash donations will also be welcome for these charities. Thank you.

REQUEST FOR CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER

Some of the Ukrainian people who attend St. Teresa's Church in Risborough are appealing for Christmas Wrapping paper. Any donations of Christmas paper can be passed on through our Churches Together in Risborough contact there. Please speak to Canon Tony if you can help. Thank you.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith



Week Commencing
SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER 2022
HARVEST FESTIVAL
(18th 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...HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Harvest Festival in our Churches and Schools has its origins in an initiative in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at Morwenstow in Cornwall and around the agricultural festivals of ancient Israel as prescribed in the Book of Deuteronomy. For Christians, then, celebrations on this day comprise the singing of Harvest hymns, prayers of thanksgiving, the decorating of Churches with the "fruits of the earth", and opportunities for almsgiving for those less fortunate. Alongside, food production from the land, the harvesting of our daily food includes of course the "harvest of the sea"; as we give thanks for all those many people who play a role in the provision of our daily food. As we have come to rely less on home-grown produce, there has been a shift in the emphasis of many Harvest Festival celebrations. The topics embraced by Harvest prayers written in modern times have often been expanded to include such matters the "harvest of energy" as well as thanksgiving for the fruits of human labour in all kinds of fields of work and not simply the harvesting and production of food. And, increasingly, Churches have linked Harvest with support and concern for people in the developing world for whom growing crops of sufficient quantity and quality continues to be such a great struggle. For our 2022 Harvest Celebration we are making use of texts from a Harvest Carol Service written by Chris Thorpe and published by the Royal School of Church Music. It offers an opportunity to give thanks both for the goodness of creation as well as for a variety of aspects of our community and family life. It challenges us to behave morally and responsibly in our engagement with other people and in our attitude towards the created environment. It affirms to us that "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above".

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 HARVEST

Amos Ch. 8 VV. 4 - 6
Ecclesiasticus Ch. 38 VV. 1 - 8

Matthew Ch. 18 VV. 1 - 15

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



At this harvest time, we give thanks for the abundance of gifts we receive. Help us share these fairly with others. May we offer ourselves afresh to your service so as to become a new creation walking in the light of your Gospel, 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 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; 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, Roger Hussey and Rev Nancy Wallace. 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.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine. That there will be a rapid end to the fighting and the suffering for its People.
- We pray for those affected by the shootings at the nursery in Thailand.
- 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.

