

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
All Saints and Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed	Sunday 30 th October (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Bereavement Service	Sunday 20 th November (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church

ALL SAINTS AND COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

On Sunday 30th October during the 10:00 am Main Service we will include the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed for which there is a list in Church for names to be added. A list will be available in Church for people to add the names of those they wish to be commemorated or alternatively, please email Canon Tony.



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 23RD October 2022

BIBLE SUNDAY
(LAST 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...BIBLE SUNDAY

The Church of England's doctrinal attitude to the Bible is summed up in the Westminster Confession of faith which was agreed by the Church in 1646 and approved by Parliament in 1648. The Bible, says the Westminster Confession, contains "all that is necessary for salvation"! The Bible remains a best-seller has now been translated into over 1500 languages and it consists of books written by many different authors over many hundreds of years. It comprises the 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament. In addition, for the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches, but not the Protestant Churches, the Bible also includes the 15 books of the Apocrypha. In the Church of England, the Apocrypha has long been regarded as suitable for private study and meditation but only in more recent times as Holy Scripture for public reading. Taken as a whole, the Bible is a collection of history, poetry, drama, prophecy, law, philosophy, and many other things besides. However, it is important to realise that it is primarily theology. In other words, we do not turn to the Bible for accurate geography or history, or for a scientific explanation of the creation. Instead, we turn to the Bible for understanding of God's ways of dealing with humankind. Almost every kind of human experience – both good and bad – is in some way to be found in the Bible; and, for the Christian, the Bible taken as a whole is "salvation history", the record of God's saving work which Christians identify to be pre-figured in the Old Testament and supremely disclosed in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the reason why the four Gospels are treated with special reverence in our Eucharistic worship. This is why we stand to hear the Gospels read out in Church and take the Gospel book in procession to the place where it is to be read. Because the Gospels represent for us the words of Jesus spoken directly to his Church.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.



READINGS FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

Isaiah Ch. 45 VV. 22 – 25

Romans Ch. 15 VV. 1 – 6

Luke Ch. 4 VV. 16 – 24

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the Harvest and the season of Autumn where we observe the beautiful changing colours of Nature. As a shepherd gathers his sheep safely to him, we your people draw closer to You. We pray for Your direction and protection; we look for Your loving presence in our daily lives. Heavenly Father, the whole world needs Your compassion and mercy - to override conflict and injustice, to bring peace, healing, security, and kindness. Thank You for your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, 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 BIBLE SUNDAY

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of His life and the word of His kingdom: renew your people with Your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by Your true and living bread: who is alive and reigns, now and forever, *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, Rev Nancy Wallace, Roger Hussey, and Pat Rushmere. 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.
- 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.

