

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
St. Mary's Men's Breakfast (Details – please contact Rev. Steve Williams on 01844 274225 or <a href="mailto:stevewilliams47@sky.com">stevewilliams47@sky.com</a> )	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November (8:45 to 10:30 am)	St. Mary's Church Hall
Remembrance Sunday with Parish Communion	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
<i>Advent / Christmas Fayre</i>	<i>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November (TBC)</i>	<i>Lacey Green Village Hall</i>
Bereavement Service	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Advent Carol Service (on Advent Sunday)	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> November (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Christingle Service	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Christmas Tree Festival ( <i>Details to Follow</i> )	9 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> December	St. John's Church
Annual Toy Service (During the Main Parish Eucharist Service)	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Service of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Crib Service	Christmas Eve (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Midnight Mass of the Nativity	Christmas Eve (11:15 pm)	St. John's Church
Parish Communion with Carols	Christmas Day (10:00 am)	St. John's Church



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## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing  
**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

## 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...HOLY BAPTISM

The Order of Service for the sacrament of Holy Baptism comprises a number of symbolic actions of theological significance and meaning. Firstly, there are the promises that parents and godparents make - or in the case of an older child or an adult made by the candidate themselves - promises which are concerned with belief and trust in God our Creator as He is known to us in the person of Jesus Christ and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Next comes the sign of the Cross made on the candidate's forehead which is a sign of commitment to Christ as our Saviour and Redeemer. Often this sign of the Cross involves the use of Holy Oil blessed by our Bishop on Maundy Thursday. Then there is the handing over of the child to be Baptised, or in the case of an older child or an adult their own decision to receive the Gospel sacrament of Baptism, through which the candidate is received into membership of the universal Christian Church. Baptism is very much a family event; both for the proud family of the person being Baptised as well as for the wider family of the Church. The deepest symbolism in the rite of Baptism is, of course, the act of Baptising with water; whether this be by sprinkling or by immersion. Water is of itself a very rich symbol of creation, of cleansing, of new birth, of the reviving of our spirit, of life itself. To the very best of our knowledge and belief, life simply cannot exist for very long at all without the presence of water. And, lastly, there is the giving of a lit candle to the candidate or, in the case of the very young, to his or her parent or sponsor. This Baptismal candle is lit from the Paschal candle, which is a new candle each year lit for the first time on Easter Day and then throughout the Easter season; and then lit throughout the year at services of Baptism and Confirmation. The Paschal candle is symbolic of the resurrection faith of the Church and it affirms to us our faith that Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



### READINGS FOR 3 BEFORE ADVENT

Job. Ch. 19 VV. 23 – 27a  
2 Thessalonians Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 5 &  
VV. 13 – 17

Luke Ch. 20 VV. 27 – 38

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, blessed be your name. We thank you for all the blessings you have given us. Thank you for the abundance that awaits us in heaven. On earth, help us to seek first your kingdom, not our own wealth. Teach us to work to expand your kingdom here on earth and to walk by your word and not by our own selfishness, 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 3 BEFORE ADVENT

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### *This Week you are Asked to Pray for:*

- We welcome Henry, who is being Baptised today, and his family and friends.
- 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 our new Prime Minister and the Government that they will lead wisely and fairly for all.
- 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.