

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Service of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight	Sunday 18 th December (6:00 pm)	St. John's Church
<u>No Tuesday Said Communion Service</u>	Tuesday 20 th December	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
In-church Parish Communion Service with Carols to mark the Feast-day of St. John's the Evangelist	Tuesday 27 th December (9:30 am)	St. John's Church
In-church Parish Communion Services (1 st Sunday after Christmas)	Sunday 1 st January (8:00 & 10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 4 th January (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Parish Communion (1 st Sunday after Epiphany)	Sunday 8 th January (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 11 th January (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 18 th January (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 11 th January (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough

ONE CAN TRUST

One Can Trust are trying to create bags that enable families to make a nutritious meal. Soup is not needed, but all donations for the food cupboard are welcome. Sources of protein e.g., tinned meat, tinned fish, lentils etc. In addition, items such as tinned tomatoes and cook-in sauces will enable people where possible to prepare meals of their choice. We are being told that donations to the Trust have been down recently, but demand remains high. Any offerings that you can donate will be welcomed (we have a donations box outside the Church Porch). Thank you.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2022
4TH SUNDAY OF 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 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... THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the fourth candle on the Advent Wreath in commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It has been said that she was a "Jewish maiden, called Miriam in Hebrew, traditionally of the family of King David". In Islam, Mary is known Maryam and she is honoured for her obedience to the divine will and for her devotion to prayer. The Gospel of Luke tells us that she was living at Nazareth when an angel appeared to her and announced that by the power of the Holy Spirit she would bear a son, Jesus, to be known as the Son of God. Luke tells us that Mary accepted this astonishing message in the words "Behold the handmaid of the Lord! Be it unto me according to thy word." The angel also told her that her aged relative Elizabeth was with child (the child being John the Baptist). Mary went to visit Elizabeth who greeted her as the angel had done "Blessed art thou among women! And blessed is the fruit of thy womb!" And Mary gave voice to the song of praise and thanksgiving which we know as the Magnificat, and which begins "My soul doth magnify the Lord!" We are also told that Joseph took her to wife and that, when they had to travel to Bethlehem for a census, it was there that the child Jesus was born. Luke also tells us that "Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." According to the Gospel of Matthew, Magi coming from Eastern regions arrived at Bethlehem where Jesus and his family were living, and they fell down and worshiped him bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Joseph was then warned in a dream that King Herod wanted to murder the infant, and so the Holy Family fled by night to Egypt and stayed there for some time. After the death of Herod the Great, the Holy Family returned to Nazareth in Galilee, rather than Bethlehem, because Herod's son Archelaus had by then become the ruler of Judaea.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah Ch. 7 VV. 10 – 16
Romans Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 7

Matthew Ch. 1 VV. 18 – 25

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Lord, we pray that you may bring strength and peace to our troubled world. Let your presence be felt by all who seek you in a powerful way in this Advent season. Turn the hearts of mankind towards you. We pray that the lost turn to you and find an unshakable peace that nothing else in this world can offer.

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 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

This Week you are Asked to Pray for:

- We pray for Ewan Blackburn who is being baptised today, and for his Family, Godparents 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 Dick Field. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed including Gordon Gray and George Locke. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for Margaret and her family and the family of George together with their friends at this difficult time.
- Kelly Safaris Silva and her family who are currently in need at this time.
- We pray for our 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.