

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
In-church Parish Communion Services (1 st Sunday of 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
PCC Standing Committee Meeting	Wednesday 11 th January (7:30 pm)	-
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 18 th January (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 25 th January (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 1 st February (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
PCC Meeting	Tuesday 7 th February (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 8 th February (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 15 th February (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 22 nd February (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 can where possible 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 1ST JANUARY 2023
1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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. We welcome Rev. Peter Viney, who will be leading our services today.

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... ST. BASIL & ST. GREGORY

Basil of Caesarea, also known as Basil the Great, and Gregory of Nazianzus are commemorated on 2nd January as “teachers of the faith”. They are both said to have been born in the year 330 and were best friends who, after studying together in Athens, returned to their native Cappadocia in what is now Eastern Turkey. Basil was born into the wealthy Cappadocian Greek family of Basil the Elder and Emmelia of Caesarea. He was one of ten children, and his parents were known for their Christian piety. Gregory’s father, also named Gregory, was converted to the Christian faith from the monotheistic sect known as the Hypsistarii under the influence of his Christian wife Nonna. Together Basil and Gregory sought to promote and defend the divinity of Christ as proclaimed in the Nicene Creed at a time when there was strong pressure from both Church and State for the establishment of Arianism, a heresy which denied the divinity of Christ and thus the whole doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Basil is said to have been renowned for being headstrong and forceful. But his friend Gregory is said to have preferred to spend his days in prayer and living a simple, ascetic life. However, Gregory’s brilliance in oratory and theological debate meant that the quiet life he was drawn to was not possible and Basil drew him into the forefront of the Arian controversy. The persuasive eloquence of their teaching was what convinced the First Council of Constantinople, meeting in 381, that their teaching was the truly orthodox form of Christian doctrine. The Council ratified the text of the Nicene Creed in the form in which it is still used today in the Churches of the Greek and Russian Orthodox tradition. Basil the Great, his brother Gregory of Nyssa, together with Basil’s friend Gregory of Nazianzus, are known as the Cappadocian Fathers. Basil died on 1st or 2nd January 379, and his friend Gregory some eleven years later around 25th January 390.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



READINGS FOR THE 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Isaiah Ch. 63 VV. 7 – 9
Hebrews Ch. 2 VV. 10 – 18

Matthew Ch. 2 VV. 13 – 23

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Eternal God, You gave us your light to show us the way to You: may our eyes behold your wonder and love as we raise our praises and prayers to You. Transform our hearts and minds by your holy wisdom that there may be justice and peace throughout all creation. With new-born faith, let our joy point to your glory, that our love will be our testimony to You.

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 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; 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, 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.
- We pray for our National Health Service, which is suffering increased demand at this time, and the Doctors, Nurses and Support Staff.
- 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.