

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	18 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Risborough Team
PCC Standing Committee Meeting (Rescheduled)	Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup> January (7:30 pm)	-
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> January (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Bledlow
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service for Churches Together in Risborough	Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup> January (3:00 pm)	Princes Risborough Methodist Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 25 <sup>th</sup> January (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup> February (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
PCC Meeting	Tues. 7 <sup>th</sup> February (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup> February (8:45 am)	St. John's Church

## 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 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

## 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

## FOCUS ON... ST. ANTONY OF EGYPT

Saint Antony the Great was born near Memphis in Egypt around the year 251. He is very widely regarded as the exemplar of the desert eremitic tradition. His story was brought to prominence in the "Life of Saint Antony" written around 360 by Saint Athanasius of Alexandria. This biography of Antony's life helped to spread the concept of Christian monasticism, particularly in Western Europe via its Latin translations. It was around the age of 20 in the year 270, that Antony received the call to the monastic life just a few months after the death of his parents. He was prompted by Matthew 19:21 "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven." And so, after ensuring that due provision was made for his sister, he gave away his wealth and withdrew to the desert to live a life of prayerful solitude and rigorous asceticism, said to be especially marked by battles and struggles with demons in the quest for "purity of heart". Although there were a number of Christian ascetics before him, Antony was among the first known to go into the wilderness. Accounts of Antony enduring supernatural temptation during his sojourn in the Eastern Desert of Egypt inspired the depiction of his temptations in visual art and literature. As a Saint, Antony is appealed to against infectious diseases, particularly skin diseases. In the past, many of these afflictions including ergotism, erysipelas, and shingles, were referred to as "Saint Antony's fire". In time, a number of disciples gathered around him and so he is widely regarded as the founder of Christian monasticism. Antony is known to have travelled to Alexandria in the year 311 in order to support Christians facing persecution but his deeper longings led him to leave his "Outer Mountain" for an even more remote desert area further east towards the Sinai peninsular, where he took up abode in a cave on Mount Kolzim. He died there on 17th January in the year 356.

Canon Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;  
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 THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Isaiah Ch. 49 VV. 1 – 7  
1 Corinthians Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 9

John Ch. 1 VV. 29 – 42

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Lord God, you have called us as your disciples to serve you as best we can. Guide us to speak your word in the midst of so many competing voices, that people may be led in the ways of justice and peace. May we be freed from the heavy burdens which come from walking in false paths which promise satisfaction from wealth, ambition, power or greed. Give us voices which speak of your powerful love and your just and gentle rule, which leads to life and satisfaction for our souls, 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 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of  
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 and Martinus Vorster 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 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.