

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	18 th to 25 th January	Risborough Team
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service for Churches Together in Risborough	Sun. 22 nd January (3:00 pm)	Princes Risborough Methodist Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 25 th January (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 1 st February (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
PCC Meeting	Tues. 7 th February (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 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
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 1 st March (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks 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 22ND JANUARY 2023
3RD 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 (1st & 3rd Sun)
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

TUESDAY

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON... WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed between 18th January and 25th January in the Northern Hemisphere, and between Ascension Day and Pentecost in the Southern Hemisphere. In his book, "Streams of Living Water", Richard Foster has identified six great traditions of the Christian Faith which have emerged through the two millennia of the history of the Church so far. He calls them the Contemplative tradition which is focused on what might be called the "Prayer-centred life"; the Holiness tradition which is concerned with the "Virtuous life"; the Charismatic tradition which is based around the "Spirit-empowered life"; the Social Justice tradition which might be called the "Compassionate life"; the Evangelical tradition or "Word-centred life"; and the Incarnational tradition representing the "Sacramental life". Together these six traditions encompass history's most significant Christian personalities and movements. Any Church congregation, whether large or small, may well have within its membership, a range of individual people who identify with one of these six different spiritual traditions. And it is evident that these six spiritual traditions are not particular or peculiar to specific Christian denominations. The materials prepared for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been guided by the Churches of Minneapolis and they seek to explore how the work of Christian Unity can contribute to the promotion of social and racial justice across all levels of society. As we join with Christians around the world for this Week of Prayer, we are invited to discern the steps that we can take as individuals and as communities to heal the hurts caused by intolerance and discrimination, and thus to seek to build a better future for everyone. The Churches Together in Risborough Christian Unity Service this year takes place at Princes Risborough Methodist Church on Sunday 22nd January at 3.00pm.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Isaiah Ch. 9 VV. 1 – 4
1 Corinthians Ch. 1 VV. 10 – 18

Matthew Ch. 4 VV. 12 – 23

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Christ as a light, illumine and guide me. Christ as a shield, overshadow me. This day be within and without me, lowly and meek yet all-powerful. Christ beside me on my left and right, 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 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever, Amen.

This Week you are Asked to Pray for:

- We pray for Annabel and Edward Cheetham, who are being baptised during the 10:00 am service today, and their 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 Dick Field. Also, 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.