

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
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
Ash Wednesday Service	Wed. 22 nd February (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 1 st March (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
Women's World Day of Prayer Event	Friday 3 rd March (11:00 am)	Princes Risborough Baptists Church
PCC Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday 7 th March (7:30 pm)	-
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 8 th March (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 15 th March (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Bledlow

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Over 20,000 people and counting have died in Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquake. Thousands more people are injured, hundreds of buildings have been destroyed, and there's an urgent need for clean water, shelter and medical aid. The UK Government will match pound-for-pound up to £2 million donated by the public to the Disasters Emergency Committee's appeal. www.dec.org.uk/appeals

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 12^H FEBRUARY 2023
2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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... SAINT SCHOLASTICA

According to a ninth century tradition, Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict of Nursia. Scholastica is traditionally regarded as the founder of the Benedictine nuns. According to the Dialogues of Gregory the Great, Scholastica was born c. 480 in Nursia, Umbria, of wealthy parents (Anicius Eupropius and his wife Claudia Abondantia Reguardati). Gregory also says she was dedicated to God from a young age. The most commonly told story about her is that Scholastica would, once a year, go and visit her brother at a place near his Abbey, and they would spend the day worshipping together and discussing sacred texts and issues. One day they had supper together and continued their conversation. When Benedict indicated it was time for him to leave, Scholastica, perhaps sensing that the time of her death was drawing near, asked him to stay with her for the evening so they could continue their discussions. Not wishing to break his own Rule, Benedict refused, insisting that he needed to return to his cell. At that point, Scholastica closed her hands in prayer, and after a moment, a wild storm started outside of the guest house in which they were staying. Benedict asked, "What have you done?", to which she replied, "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen. So now go off, if you can; leave me and return to your monastery." Benedict was unable to return to his monastery, and they spent the night in discussion. Three days later, from his monastic cell, he saw his sister's soul leaving the earth and ascending to heaven in the form of a shining white dove. Benedict had her body brought to his monastery, where he had it laid in the tomb which he had prepared for himself. The Anglo-Saxon Bishop and Scholar Aldhelm recounts this story in both the *De Laude Virginitatis*, written for the nuns at Barking, and in the shorter *Carmen de virginitate*. Saint Scholastica died on 10th February in the year 543.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever, Amen.



READINGS FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Genesis Ch. 1 V. 1 – Ch. 2 V. 3
Romans Ch. 8 VV. 18 – 25

Matthew Ch. 6 VV. 25 – 34

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Lord of life, truth and grace, bring all creation to delight in your peace. Spirit of truth, come to your Church. Fill us with love for the Father and the Son and in line with Christian teachings of faith, hope and love, let us all be guided to help one another. Spirit of truth come to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. We pray for a world damaged by disasters and wars, and especially we pray for the people of Turkey and Syria, for the Ukraine and for Afghanistan. We pray for the safety and protection of all key workers, and those who have travelled to these countries to aid and assist.

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 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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, Kelly Safaris Silva, Marcus Barthropp, Gary Webb, Lila King, Rita Probert, Rev Nancy Wallace, Roger Hussey, Dick Field, Margaret Fish, Rosemary Mortham, Martin Moore, John Gabbitas and Dawn Glenister. 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.
- 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 particularly pray at this time for the people of Turkey and Syria following the recent major earthquakes.
- 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.