

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Choral Evensong and Dedication of the Samuel Green Pipe Organ	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
PCC Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March (7:30 pm)	-
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup> March (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Men's Breakfast. To attend, please contact Steve Williams 01844 274225 / <a href="mailto:mensbreakfast@stmarysrisborough.org.uk">mensbreakfast@stmarysrisborough.org.uk</a> (£7 per head payable on the day)	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March (08:45 to 10:30 AM)	St. Mary's Church Hall, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 15 <sup>th</sup> March (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Church Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 22 <sup>nd</sup> March (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 29 <sup>th</sup> March (8:45 am)	St. Peter's Chapel Owlswick
Coffee Morning (Details TBC)	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April (TBC)	Lacey Green Village Hall
Full PCC Committee Meeting	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church

## TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Over 50,000 people 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](http://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 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF 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. We are now no longer automatically sanitising people's hands before and after receiving Communion. This will now be a matter of personal choice. A bottle of sanitiser is available in the Chancel in front of the choir stalls for people to use if they wish. 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:

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
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
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
9:30 am	In-church Said Parish Communion Service

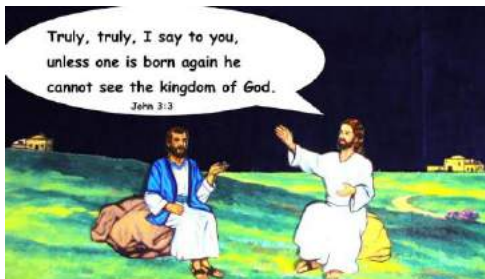
## FOCUS ON... THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Jesus taught his disciples that as God's Messiah, his "anointed one", he was going to have to "suffer many things; be rejected; and be killed". His chief disciple Peter was utterly confused. This notion of a suffering, self-sacrificing Messiah was not what he had been led to expect. But the divine mission Jesus had come to fulfil was the immensely significant objective of defeating sinfulness and healing the brokenness of flawed humanity. His triumphs were to be the victories of truth over falsehood, forgiveness over revenge, self-giving over self-interest. And just as Christ is to go the way of the Cross, so must his true followers. For some that might even mean martyrdom, but for all those who follow Christ it means renouncing self-centred aims and desires, and the acceptance of Christ's way of unrelenting, self-giving love. But, as one of my tutors at theological college used to say time and time again, this is the true measure of meaningful success in the world – two crossed pieces of wood! The way of the Cross is a costly assignment. Often wounding, always challenging. But this is the way our living, loving God transforms us and meets our deepest needs. Christ wants us to find abundant life by following his way — it may deny us ease and comfort, but it will give us the true glory. The way of the Cross is revealed in great acts of self-giving and self-sacrifice. But it is also to be found in simple acts of kindness and compassion and mercy. This is at the heart of the extra efforts that we make in the season of Lent to try to be better and more faithful Christians – through fasting and self-denial, through prayer and study of scripture, through acts of charity and mercy. The way of Christian Discipleship is the way of costly giving of oneself in love, the way of service for the sake of love of God and love of neighbour, the way of self-giving without counting the cost, the way of the Cross.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

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

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



### READINGS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis Ch. 12 VV. 1 – 4a  
Romans Ch. 4 VV. 1 – 5 & VV. 13  
– 17

John Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 17

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Create a clean heart in me, O God: a humble heart, a meek heart, a peaceful heart, a benevolent heart, a devout heart which does evil to no one, which does not repay evil for evil, but overcomes evil with good, which loves you above all things, thinks always about you, speaks about you, gives you thanks, delights in hymns and spiritual songs, and has its citizenship in heaven, 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 LENT

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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, John Gabbitas, Dawn Glenister and Martin Moore. 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.
- 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.