

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
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 with Stalls (Offers of Help needed, please speak to the Churchwardens)	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April (9:30 am to 12:30 pm)	Lacey Green Village Hall
Parish Communion with Liturgy of the Palms	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Compline with Meditation	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Said Compline with Meditation	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Said Compline with Meditation	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Maundy Thursday (Sung Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar)	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Full PCC Committee Meeting	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April (After the 10:00 am Service)	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, including tinned meat, tinned fish, lentils, pasta, tinned tomatoes and cook-in sauces. We are being told that donations to the Trust have been down recently, but demand remains high. 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 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**  
**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

### 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. A bottle of sanitiser is available in the Chancel in front of the choir stalls for people to use prior to receiving Communion, if they wish. From Whitsunday (Pentecost) on 28<sup>th</sup> May, we are proposing to re-introduce the Common Cup. For those who still wish to receive by Intinction, pre-intincted wafers will be available. 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
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## FOCUS ON... MOTHERING SUNDAY

The observance of Mothering Sunday originally referred to the Church, and indirectly to God as “mother” of us all. By long tradition, Mothering Sunday has also long been a day to reflect on the role of Mary the mother of Jesus in the divine plan for human salvation. In times past, on Mothering Sunday and by way of a Lenten observance, Christians were required to worship at their “mother” Church, which is to say the place of their Baptism. This custom was especially significant at a time when it was commonplace for children to be sent away to work, perhaps in service, or as maidservants, or as farm labourers. For Mothering Sunday, these children were allowed home to spend the day with their families. We are told that, on their journey home, they would pick wild Spring flowers to present to their mothers. So here we have the origins of the long-standing Church custom of children presenting flowers to their mothers, as well indeed to others in thanksgiving for the caring role that they play in our lives. It was in 1913 that Constance Adelaide Smith, the daughter of an Anglican clergyman, set about reviving and reinvigorating the observance of Mothering Sunday in this country. Her intention in seeking to restore the place of Mothering Sunday in the life of the Church and in our nation was, as she put it, to honour “Mother Church, mothers of earthly homes, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Mother Nature”. This means we can say that Constance effectively introduced a fourth intention to the keeping of Mothering Sunday by her reference to “Mother Nature”, an element which has resonances with our contemporary and growing concern for ecological matters and the care of the environment. On Mothering Sunday, then, we commit ourselves once again to our part in making the love of God known in the world. In so doing we fulfil the Law of Christ: Love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength; Love your neighbour as yourself.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 MOTHERING SUNDAY

1 Samuel Ch. 1 VV. 20 – 28  
Colossians Ch. 3 VV. 12 – 17

Luke Ch. 2 VV. 33 – 35

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Christ our saviour, your mercy has a healing touch you remake us in Your tenderness and love. Your compassion brings forgiveness and grace. Your love shows us the beauty of heaven.

Thank you, Lord, for showering us with our mothers' love. Thank you, Lord, for their concern and care. Thank you, Lord, for all our mothers give us. Thank you almighty for the joys our mothers share with us. Through Christ our Lord, 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 MOTHERING SUNDAY

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within  
the household of faith; 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, John Gabbitas, Dawn Glenister and Martin Moore. Also, Martinus Vorster of Kuruman.
- The recently departed, may their souls rest in peace. We particularly pray for the soul of Margaret Fish and her family 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.