

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Team Bereavement "Drop In"	2 nd Mon of the Month (3:00 to 4:00 pm)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team "Tea for All" for anyone who is feeling lonely and wants to drop in for tea, cake and a chat.	Last Sunday of the Month (2:30 to 4:30 pm)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 12 th April (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 19 th April (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM, after the 10:00 am Service)	Sunday 23 rd April	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 26 th April (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
PCC Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday 2 nd May (7:30 pm)	-
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 3 rd May (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 10 th May (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 17 th May (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 24 th May (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 31 st May (8:45 am)	St. Peter's Church, Ilmer

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 16TH APRIL 2023
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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. 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. Please respect this. 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 Easter Sunday we have resumed sharing the Peace. From Whitsunday (Pentecost) on 28th 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. We will generally be serving coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays.

We have now received the card reader so we are 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... ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

In Chapter 20 of St. John's Gospel, we read that St. Thomas the Apostle was not present when the Risen Lord Jesus first appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room. When a week later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples in the Upper Room Thomas was present. We are told that Jesus said to them "peace be with you". St. John's account tell us that Thomas was given the opportunity to feel for himself the marks and scars of Crucifixion. Whereupon he responded with the acclamation "My Lord and My God". Jesus then said to Thomas "have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." The underlying message for us is that the followers of Jesus do not need to be given physical scientific proof of the resurrection in order to have faith and trust that Jesus is indeed risen and that he is Lord both of the dead and the living. So, what matters most of all in the narrative of the resurrection appearance of the risen Lord Jesus to St. Thomas the Apostle is not so much his initial doubt and questioning but his confession of faith and trust in his Lord and ours. Clearly, for Thomas the Apostle, this encounter was therefore a life-changing experience as it is for all those who have welcomed the risen Lord into their lives. According to tradition, Thomas is said to have travelled well beyond the territory of the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, even travelling as far as Kerala in present-day India where he is said to have baptized several people. At Eastertide, then, it is as if the Church is suddenly full of blazing light radiating from that still elusive yet joyful presence. Out of that light comes to us a new voice, clear and true. "Peace be with you," the voice says, filling us with a sense of new life. And so let us seek to be like Thomas: honest before God and others, open to questioning faith and seeking truth, but ready to bow down in worship of our Lord and Saviour who meets us just where we are.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts Ch. 2 V. 14a & VV. 22 – 32
1 Peter Ch. 1 VV. 3 – 9

John Ch. 20 VV. 19 – 31

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 war and unrest. We pray for the safety and protection of all; and for the children, the young people, the elderly and the vulnerable. 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 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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, Ian Wilson, Lila King, Rita Probert, Rev. Nancy Wallace, Roger Hussey, Dick Field, Martin Moore, Helena Oecken, Kelly Safaris Silva, Marcus Barthropp, John Thomas-Davies, Frances Thomas-Davies, Richard Thomas-Davies, Jay Edmondson and Martinus Vorster.
- The recently departed, may their souls rest in peace. We pray at this time for the soul of Gary Webb and for his 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 currently experiencing increased demand, 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.