

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Team Bereavement "Drop In"	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM, after the 10:00 am Service)	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April <b>(Rescheduled)</b>	St. John's Church
PCC Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May (7:30 pm)	-
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup> May (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup> May (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 13 <sup>th</sup> May (08:45 to 10:30 AM)	St. Mary's Church Hall, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> May (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup> May (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 31 <sup>st</sup> May (8:45 am)	St. Peter's Church, Ilmer
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> June (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, 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 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> 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 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. We will generally be serving coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays.

We have a card reader available, 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 (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

## FOCUS ON... SAINT PHILIP & SAINT JAMES

The Apostles Philip and James are jointly commemorated on 1<sup>st</sup> May. This is because the Church in Rome where their relics were laid to rest was dedicated on that date in the year 560. We are told that Philip was from Bethsaida, and that, after he had been called to be an Apostle, he brought Nathanael to Christ (John 1:43-49). When certain Greeks wanted to meet Jesus, it was to Philip that they applied for help in order to do so (John 12:20-22); and it was his request at the Last Supper, "Lord show us the Father", that drew from Jesus the declaration "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father ... I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:8-10). Tradition has it that Philip preached the Gospel in Phrygia and Scythia, helped by his sister and daughters, and died at Hierapolis through martyrdom at an advanced age. James, the Son of Alphaeus, is known as James the Less to distinguish him James the brother of John, sons of Zebedee. Some authorities identify him with James, "the Lord's brother" which, if correct, would mean that it was he who eventually presided over the Christian community in Jerusalem. The First Century Roman Jewish historian Flavius Josephus records that Bishop James was martyred by being stoned to death. And a later source, a converted Jew called Hegesippus, says that James was first taken to the pinnacle of the Temple and implored to dissuade the assembled people from belief in Christ. Instead, he declared his faith in Christ in such novel words that the people listening below are said to have cried "Hosanna to the Son of David"! James was then thrown down from the pinnacle, and then stoned and beaten to death as he lay there. Some identify him as the author of the Epistle of James; and he may even have been the author of the letter which we are told that Paul and Barnabas took with them to the Christians in Antioch (Acts 15:22-29).

*Canon Tony Bundock*

### COLLECT FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life  
of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever, Amen.



### READINGS FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts Ch. 2 VV. 42 – 47  
1 Peter Ch. 2 VV. 19 – 25  
  
John Ch. 10 VV. 1 – 10

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people, 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 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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, 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, David Lawrence and Martinus Vorster.
- 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 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.