

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. 10 th May (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Men's Breakfast. To attend, please contact Steve Williams 01844 274225 / mensbreakfast@stmarysrisborough.org.uk (£7 per head payable on the day)	Saturday 13 th May (08:45 to 10:30 AM)	St. Mary's Church Hall, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 17 th May (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow
Ascension Day Service	Thurs. 18 th May (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
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
Lighthouse Quiz Night. Tables of up to eight (individuals who are not part of a team can be accommodated), cost £5, raffle and heads and tails game, bring your own drinks and nibbles (no red wine as it stains the floor). To book a table please contact Jamie Carter on 01844 273286, booking essential. Offers of raffle or other prizes welcome.	Saturday 24 th June	St. Mary's Church, Princes 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 7TH MAY 2023
5TH 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 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 (1st & 3rd Sun)
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

TUESDAY

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

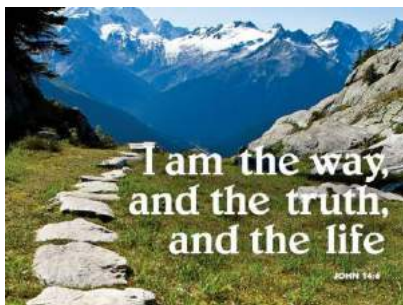
FOCUS ON... KINGSHIP

The English term king is derived from the Anglo-Saxon term cyning, which in turn is derived from the word kuningaz. This Common Germanic term has some correspondence with the notion of kinship. The English word translates, and is equivalent to, the Latin rēx and its equivalents in the various European languages. The monarchies of Europe of the Middle Ages are said to have derived their claim to royal status from the Christianisation of Europe and the doctrine of the "Divine Right of Kings" which was in part influenced by the notion of sacral kingship inherited from Germanic antiquity. The Early Middle Ages began with a fragmentation of the former Western Roman Empire into a number of Kingdoms; with the Kingdoms of Anglo-Saxon England being unified into the Kingdom of England by the 10th Century. With the Accession of Otto I in the year 962, and until the 12th Century, what came to be known as the Holy Roman Empire was the most powerful Monarchy in Europe. It remained a significant political entity until being dissolved in 1806 during the Napoleonic Wars. The role of the British Monarch as "Supreme Governor" of the Church of England dates from the time of the reign of King Henry VIII when, in 1536, he broke with the Holy See and declared the Church of England as the Established Church with himself as "Supreme Head". The Act of Supremacy in 1534 confirmed the King's status and, although Henry's daughter Mary I repealed the Act of Supremacy in 1555, the original Act was restored in 1558 when Elizabeth I came to the throne. But the wording of the Oath of Supremacy which Peers were required to swear was amended to refer to the Monarch as "Supreme Governor" as the Bible specifically identifies Jesus Christ as "Head" of the Church. The title "Defender of the Faith" had first been granted to Henry VIII by Pope Leo X in 1521. This was later withdrawn but it was re-conferred by Parliament in the reign of Edward VI

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



READINGS FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Genesis Ch. 8 VV. 1 – 19

Acts Ch. 7 VV. 55 – 60

John Ch. 14 VV. 1 – 14

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



We thank you that Easter is not about a people, but all people, that your love and your Salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen, that we might know forgiveness, that lives might be reborn and your name glorified now and for eternity, 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 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever, 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, Pat Rushmere 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 our King Charles III and Queen Camilla following the Coronation.
- 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 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.