

## 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
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> May (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow
Ascension Day Service	Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup> May (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
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
PCC Meeting	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup> June (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
<b>Lighthouse Quiz Night.</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**  
**6<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
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## FOCUS ON... ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day occurs on the fortieth day of Easter (39 days after Easter Day) and so it always falls on a Thursday, although some Churches nowadays hold their Ascension Day commemoration on the Sunday immediately afterwards. In some traditions, Ascension Day is also known as Holy Thursday though this term is more commonly applied to Maundy Thursday in Holy Week. Here at St. John's Church, our Ascension Day service takes place at 7.30pm on Ascension Day itself which this year is Thursday 18th May. According to the Book of Acts, after his resurrection, the risen Jesus is said to have appeared to his disciples on several occasions over a period of some forty days when he was taken up into heaven. So it is this event that is central to our keeping of Ascension Day, and as we look towards Pentecost 10 days later when we commemorate the gift of the Holy Spirit, and as we celebrate what is effectively the birthday of the world-wide Christian Church. Ascension Day is a public holiday in many countries, including Indonesia despite Christianity being a minority religion there, with special Church Services taking place. In England, Ascension Day is traditionally associated with various water festivals ranging from Well Dressing in Derbyshire to the Planting of the "Penny Hedge" at the seaside town of Whitby in Yorkshire. Other traditional Ascension Day customs include "beating the bounds". In olden days, this practice seemingly went as far as the beating of boys with willow branches as they were driven along Parish boundaries, to "purify them of evil" and teaching them the limits of their Parish! Mercifully, in modern times, "beating the bounds" simply involves people in the locality walking around their Farm, Manorial, Church or Civil boundaries, pausing as they pass certain trees, walls and hedges, denoting the extent of the boundary in order to exclaim, to pray, and to ritually 'beat' particular landmarks with sticks.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

### COLLECT FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts Ch. 17 VV. 22 – 31  
1 Peter Ch. 3 VV. 13 – 22

John Ch. 14 VV. 15 – 21

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the springtime and new growth. Help us to grow more like our Saviour Jesus and spread the light of Your Glory. As He came 'to serve', let us be aware of opportunities to serve, in kindness, thought and deed. Draw us closer to your Love and Heavenly Protection, 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 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him 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, Mary Hazleton, Shirley Billsborough 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 recent major earthquakes.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine and the Sudan. That there will be a rapid end to the fighting and the suffering for their Peoples.
- 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.