

## 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. 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
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup> June (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 21 <sup>st</sup> June (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes 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 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2023**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**(SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION)**

### 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... THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

In what is known as his “high priestly prayer” in chapter 17 of John’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of interconnected relationships, between himself, his heavenly Father and his followers. He is thinking about the time after he has left the world, and the near impossible task that will face his disciples in the days and months and years to come. The message they will have for the world is in many ways outrageous. It says that God’s anointed ruler, for so long expected by the Jewish people, has now come. But, after quite a short public ministry of teaching and healing he has been summarily executed. And the message is that this executed criminal is not only the promised Jewish Messiah, but the Saviour of the World, the Saviour of all people whatever their race or religion. Spreading this message will get those followers of Jesus into trouble. They will be ridiculed, attacked, imprisoned, even killed. How are they to find the confidence and the courage to go forward? How will they hang on to the certainty that what they believe about Jesus is true? This “high priestly prayer” amounts to a description of a relationship that enables Christians to know that they belong to Jesus and to his heavenly Father. Christian faith, it seems to be saying, is not just a matter of belief; it is about who you are. Our task in today’s world as followers of Jesus remains a challenge but we can say that it is in many ways much easier than that of the first disciples. We are not pioneers as they were, but messengers of an established faith. We are - at least in this part of today’s world - more likely to be met with indifference and disrespect than with persecution and violence. But we still need to develop the confidence and courage to live out the Gospel faithfully in our own time and place. As members of God’s family, part of the community of the Church, we know who we are. And being who we are, as much as what we say, can draw others to come to know and to love our risen, ascended Lord Jesus Christ.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

### COLLECT FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



### READINGS FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts Ch. 1 VV. 6 – 14  
1 Peter Ch. 4 VV. 12 – 14 &  
Ch. 5 VV. 6 – 11  
John Ch. 17 VV. 1 – 11.

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



God of glory, we thank you that through your ascension into heaven the way was open for us to receive the Holy Spirit. Prepare our hearts to listen and welcome you each day, 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 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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, 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.