

# 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. 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
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup> June (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow

## 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 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023  
**PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)**

## 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 Chancel Screen for people to use, if they wish, before receiving Communion. From this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, we will be re-introducing 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... PENTECOST

The Day of Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Church. It commemorates the episode in Acts Chapter 2 when the disciples of Jesus were first "fired up" with the Holy Spirit. In Christian art, Pentecost is often depicted by the disciples being pictured with tongues of flame above their heads, almost like birthday candles. And in Christian spirituality, fire represents both the complete surrender of oneself to God in terms of the offering of a living sacrifice; and also the dynamic energy of the Spirit, a God who can never be controlled and whose purposes are, in the final analysis, irresistible. In the recorded sayings of the Christian Desert Monastic tradition, Abba Lot once asked his spiritual guide Abba Joseph what he could do to become a better Christian and he received the reply "If you will, you can become all flame". In fact, openness to the divine spark may very well turn us into something new: perhaps prophets, dreamers, even visionaries. As the Book of Ezekiel, one of the great prophets of the Babylonian Exile, promises "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh". And, as the Prophet Joel proclaimed, when God's spirit is poured out, the old dream dreams, the young have visions. The events of Pentecost teach us that openness to the Spirit can enable us to do things we never believed we could, help us to be strong in adversity, to weather storms of great devastation, sustain us in the darkest hour, and uphold us in the deepest sorrow. And even, it seems, to enable us to communicate and share the fullness of the love of God, not just with people such as ourselves, but also with people who are very different to us. This, indeed, is why the Church was born and brought into being; in order to proclaim who is really in control of the world's destiny, our saving God, and to participate and share in His mission in the world.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR PENTECOST

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



## READINGS FOR PENTECOST

Acts Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 21  
1 Corinthians Ch. 12 VV. 3b – 13  
John Ch. 20 VV. 19 – 23

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Living God, thank You for the surpassing greatness of Your power to us who believe. Because You came to dwell in us on Pentecost, we have Your mighty strength with which You raised Christ from the dead. Strengthen us in our inner being, so that we can know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and be filled with all the fullness of God. 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 PENTECOST

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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 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.