

# 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
PCC Meeting	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June (8:00 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 (7.30 pm)	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 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**  
**TRINITY 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. We have now re-introduced 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... TRINITY SUNDAY

"The Lord works in mysterious ways", so says Elmore Blues time and time again in the two Blues Brothers movies. "The Lord works in mysterious ways". And at no time in the Church's calendar is the divine mystery more at the heart of our worship than it is on Trinity Sunday. In fact, the theologian Rudolf Otto invented the word "numinous", derived from a Latin word "numen", in order to describe our sense of awe at the majesty of God. Although the word "Trinity" itself never appears in the Bible, we can see in Scripture how the early Church sought to engage with this mystery of One God who is also Three Persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Later generations of Christians discovered this to be to be a very helpful way to try to describe the indescribable, the mysterious concept of a Three-in-One God. What does clearly emerge in the New Testament, however, is a simple acceptance that there is only one God, yet there are three distinct characters who are, nevertheless, each quite definitely God. So, then, no clever models of intersecting triangles, or overlapping circles, nor the leaves of a shamrock, appear in the Bible. This would come later, as subsequent generations of Christians tried to make sense of this paradoxical experience of faith - and to seek to describe it to others. For the earliest followers of Jesus Christ there was just a simple acceptance that these Three Persons relate to one another, communicate with one another and with us, yet are One! In Isaiah Chapter 6, the prophet tells how he fell down in worship before the awesome majesty of God! And we too recognise that God's essential nature is in so many ways a deep and unsearchable mystery. Christian living, then, is about trusting in a God of loving relationship, self-emptying, and self-giving for the sake of the love of another. This indeed is the divine mystery at the heart of Trinitarian faith.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the  
eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship  
the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore  
be defended from all adversities; 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 TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah Ch. 40 VV. 12 – 17 & VV. 27-31  
2 Corinthians Ch. 13 VV. 11 – 13

Matthew Ch. 28 VV. 16 – 20

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, We thank you for your Son Jesus who as he left his life promised that a Comforter would come to live with us and teach us all things we needed to know. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, that powerful source for good which emanates from You. We pray that the Spirit will inspire us, protect and guard us, and lead us to do Your work of Peace and Mercy and Healing in this world. We pray that the Trinity be always with us - God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit - three in One, 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 TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God,  
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, Lila King, Rita Probert, Rev. Nancy Wallace, Roger Hussey, 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 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 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.