

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. 14 th June (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 21 st June (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
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 (7.30 pm)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 28 th 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 11TH JUNE 2023
ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

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 (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... ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

The feast-day of Saint Barnabas the Apostle, venerated as the Patron Saint of Cyprus, falls on 11th June. Although not named among the original twelve Apostles called by Jesus, Barnabas emerges in the Book of Acts as a significant figure and leader in the development of the early Christian community. A native of Cyprus and a Levite, he is first mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as a member of the early Christian community in Jerusalem, who we are told sold the land that he owned and gave the proceeds to the Church community. When Saint Paul the Apostle returned to Jerusalem after his conversion, it was Barnabas who introduced him to the leaders of the Church in Jerusalem. In fact, it has been suggested that Paul and Barnabas may have been fellow students in the school of Rabbi Gamaliel. Like Paul, Barnabas was essentially from the culture of the Greek world rather than that of Palestine. The successful preaching of Christianity at Antioch to non-Jews led the Church at Jerusalem to send Barnabas there to oversee the movement. Antioch, in modern-day Turkey, was at that time the third most important city in the Roman Empire. Barnabas found the work to be so extensive that he went to Tarsus in search of Paul to assist him. Paul returned with him to Antioch and laboured with him for a whole year. At the end of this period, the two were sent up to Jerusalem (44 AD) with contributions from the Church at Antioch for the relief of the poorer Christians in Judaea. Paul then asked Barnabas to accompany him on another journey. Barnabas wished to take John Mark along, but Paul did not, as he had left them on the earlier journey. The dispute ended by Paul and Barnabas taking separate routes - though it is said that their friendship remained unimpaired. Paul took Silas as his companion and journeyed through Syria and Cilicia; while Barnabas took John Mark to Cyprus. According to tradition, Barnabas was martyred there in the year AD 61.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR ST. BARNABAS

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; 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 THE FEAST OF ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

Job Ch. 29 VV. 11 – 16

Acts Ch. 11 VV. 19 – 30

John Ch. 15 VV. 12 – 17

Lord, help us to be gentle, with others and with ourselves. Give us, we pray, the calm that makes for consideration and the respect for others that makes us courteous. Take from us hard words and the cynical look. Let us be to others as we would wish them to be to us and, when we fail, forgive us and when they fail, heal us, 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 ST. BARNABAS

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit on the apostles with wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; 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, 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.

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER

