

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. 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
PCC Standing Committee Meeting.	Tuesday 4 th July (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church

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 18TH JUNE 2023
2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 st & 3 rd 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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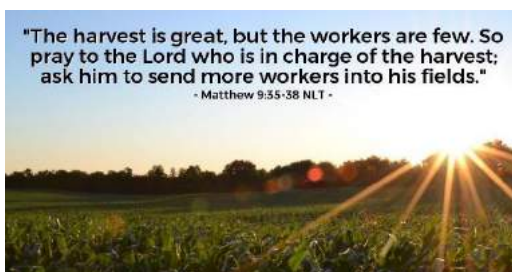
FOCUS ON... ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR

Saint Alban, whose feast-day falls on 22nd June, is acknowledged as the first recorded British Christian martyr. Along with fellow Saints Julius and Aaron, Alban is one of three named martyrs recorded at an early date from Roman Britain. Alban was a citizen of the Roman town of Verulamium which became the City of St. Albans in Hertfordshire. He gave shelter to a Christian priest (later given the name Amphibalus meaning "cloak") during one of the periods in which Christians were persecuted by the Roman authorities. According to the Venerable Bede, this was during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian whose persecution of Christians is regarded as having been especially severe; though other authorities date these events to the reign of the Emperor Septimus Severus. Alban was so impressed with the priest's faith and piety that he found himself emulating him and became a Christian convert. Alban hid the priest in his house for several days and when the priest's hiding place was discovered, Alban is said to have dressed himself in the priest's cloak and was arrested in his place. He was sentenced to endure all the punishments that were to be inflicted upon the priest, unless he would comply with the pagan rites of their religion. Alban refused, and declared, "I worship and adore the true and living God who created all things". These words are still used in prayer at St. Alban's Abbey. Despite being tortured by his captors, Alban refused to renounce his new-found Christian faith. He was beheaded and a well at the foot of Holywell Hill in St. Albans is said to have sprung up at the time of his execution. The remains of his holy shrine stand today as a place of pilgrimage in the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban. In June 2002 a scapula (shoulder blade), believed to be a relic of St Alban, was presented to St. Albans Cathedral by the Church of St. Pantaleon in Cologne and placed inside the saint's restored 13th-century shrine.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus Ch. 19 VV. 2 - 8a
Romans Ch. 5 VV. 1 - 8

Matthew Ch. 9 V. 35 - Ch. 10
V. 23

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, help us to respond to your call to be ambassadors and workers in spreading the Good News by our words and actions. We pray for still more workers in your harvest to gather many into the joy of your peace, 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 2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with 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 and Martinus Vorster.
- The recently departed, especially at this time for Mary Hazleton. 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 at this time for the migrants who have drowned off Greece and those who died in Nottingham recently.
- 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.