

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. 28 th June (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
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.



Key Contacts:

Vicar:	Rev. Canon Tony Bundock	01844 347741
Team Rector:	Rev. David Williams	01844 346984
Licensed Lay Minister:	Mr Graham King	01844 343910
Churchwardens:	Mrs Pat Rushmere	01494 562140
	Mrs Margaret Gray	01844 347094
PCC Secretary & Pew Sheet editor:	Mr Mark Roberts	01296 437345
	mark.roberts975@btinternet.com	

www.stjohnschurchlaceygreen.co.uk

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2023
3RD 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 (1st & 3rd Sun)
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

TUESDAY

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

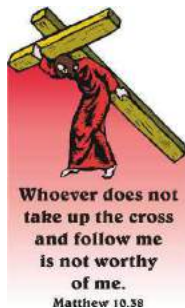
FOCUS ON... THE WAY OF SERVANTHOOD

The 16th Century French philosopher Blaise Pascal once said, perhaps rather bluntly, that there are two kinds of servant – those who go ahead with torches to light the way, and those who come behind carrying the bags. If that is so, St Teresa of Avila, the sixteenth-century Spanish mystic and Carmelite nun, can be said to have been of the first kind of servant, a light leading the way. Her way of spiritual living was one of asceticism and sanctity, resulting in her most famous work *The Way of Perfection*. This “way”, unfortunately, was frequently not exactly appreciated by her fellow sisters in the convent. When Teresa called for reform, their response was to throw her out, and on one occasion she was turned out of the convent at night in the middle of a heavy rainstorm! Dressed in her coarse wool habit, it is said that she got into her donkey cart and was riding along in the cart when a wheel went into a ditch and the cart turned over, dumping her into the mud. She sat there, in mud-soaked wool, looked up to heaven, rain streaming down, and apparently, she said, “Lord, if this is the way you treat your friends, it’s no wonder you don’t have many.” Time and again in the pages of Scripture we can see that living and proclaiming God’s message may well be costly. It involves giving up old ways and adopting a pattern of self-sacrifice. It may well bring ridicule, persecution and division. But in our vulnerability and openness to a new way of living, we receive a growing, restored relationship with our heavenly Father and with all aspects of creation through Christ, giving us hope and courage to live out the extravagant inclusivity of the kingdom. And when life gets difficult, God is still with us. Our God, as we are assured in the words of Jesus at the very end of St. Matthew’s Gospel, will be with us always. And as the mediaeval mystic and anchoress, Mother Julian of Norwich, proclaimed: in God all will be well, and all will be well, and all manner of things will be well.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.



THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah Ch. 20 VV. 7 – 13
Romans Ch. 6 VV. 1b – 11

Matthew Ch. 10 VV. 24 – 39

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Almighty and eternal God, you have given your servants who confess of the true faith the duty to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and to worship the true Unity in the power of the divine majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith, and always defend us from all adversities; for you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever, 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 3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, 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.