

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. 4 th July (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity, Bledlow
PCC Standing Committee Meeting.	Tuesday 11 th July (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 12 th July (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 19 th July (8:45 am)	St. Peter's, Owlswick
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 26 th July (8:45 am)	St. Mary's, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 2 nd August	No Service (Lighthouse Week)
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 9 th August (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 16 th August (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 23 rd August (8:45 am)	St. Mary's, Princes Risborough

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 2ND JULY 2023
4TH 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... ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

The feast-day of Saint Thomas the Apostle, called "Didymus" (twin) falls on 3rd July. The references to him in St. John's Gospel give a sharp impression of the kind of person he was: ready to die with his Master (John 11:16); drawing from Jesus at the Last Supper the declaration "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:5-7); initially sceptical about the truth of the resurrection, but when the reality of the resurrection of his Lord and Master was made plain to him he was whole-hearted in his belief and his devotion, responding in the words "My Lord and my God (John 20:24-28)! The underlying message for us is that the followers of Jesus do not need to be given physical scientific proof of the resurrection in order to have faith and trust that Jesus is indeed risen and that he is Lord both of the dead and the living. So, what matters most of all in the narrative of the resurrection appearance the risen Lord Jesus to St. Thomas the Apostle is not so much his initial doubt and questioning but his confession of faith and trust in his Lord and ours. Clearly, for Thomas the Apostle, this encounter was therefore a life-changing experience as it is for all those who have welcomed the risen Lord into their lives. According to tradition, Thomas took the Gospel message well beyond the territory of the Roman Empire and as far as India where, for many centuries, the Christian believers of Kerala have called themselves "Saint Thomas Christians". It is also said that he evangelised Parthia and in the Fourth Century his relics were claimed to be at Edessa in Upper Mesopotamia which was an early centre of Christian learning. Saint Thomas is regarded as the Patron Saint of India by its Christian adherents. He is also the Patron Saint of architects and builders, being himself said to have been a builder by trade. In Christian art, he is commonly portrayed holding a spear in one hand and a book in the other.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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

Jeremiah Ch. 28 VV. 5 – 9
Romans Ch. 6 VV. 12 – 23

Matthew Ch. 10 VV. 40 – 42

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Lord, we pray for resilience and tolerance during these troubled times. Give us the power to strengthen our minds and bodies so that we can not only protect ourselves but those around us. Let us keep the hope of our saviour Jesus Christ close to our hearts and see beyond the sufferings of this world. May we be tolerant of others not knowing what troubles lie hidden behind closed doors. Let us not judge those we see following the wrong paths but offer support and comfort where we can, 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 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son 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 and Martinus Vorster.
- The recently departed, especially at this time for David Lawrence, Pat Rushmere and 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.