

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. 19 th July (8:45 am)	St. Peter's, Owlswick
Funeral Service for David Lawrence	Wed. 19 th July (11:00 am)	St. John's Church
Memorial Service for Pat Rushmere	Friday 21 st July (1:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 26 th July (8:45 am)	St. Mary's, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 2 nd August N/A	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
GARDEN PARTY MUSIC / RAFFLE / TOMBOLA / STALLS Advance Tickets Adults £10 / Children £5 On the Day Adults £12 / Children £6	Sunday 19 th August (3:00 to 5:00 pm)	Lane Farm, Church Lane, Lacey Green
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 16TH JULY 2023
6TH 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 with a separate chalice for those who wish to receive by Intinction. Pre-intincted wafers will be available on request. 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 PARABLE OF THE SOWER

The Parable of the Sower, sometimes also called the Parable of the Soils, is found in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew 13:1–23 Mark 4:1–20, Luke 8:4–15; and also in the extra-canonical "Gnostic" Gospel of Thomas. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus tells the story of a farmer who sows seed indiscriminately. Some seed falls on the path (wayside) with no soil, some seed falls on rocky ground with little soil, some seed falls on soil which contains thorns, and some seed does fall on good soil. In the first case, the seed is taken away; in the second and third soils, the seed fails to produce a crop; but when it falls on good soil, it grows and yields in abundance. Jesus later explains to his Disciples that the seed represents the message of the Gospel, the Sower represents anyone who proclaims the Good News of the Gospel, and the various soils described in the story each represent different people's responses to the divine message. In Mark's Gospel and Matthew's Gospel, this Parable, the explanation of the purpose of Parables, and the explanation of the Parable itself form part of Jesus' third or "Parabolic" discourse, delivered from a boat on the Sea of Galilee. In each narrative, Jesus used the boat as a means of addressing the huge crowd gathered on the lake shore. Luke's Gospel does not use a boat for the delivery of the sermon, but still has Jesus presenting the Parable to a large crowd gathered from 'every city'. While the Parable was told to the multitude, however, the explanation of the meaning of the Parable is only given to the Disciples. In fact, Jesus tells his Disciples that he teaches in Parables because many are opposed to his direct teachings. The Parable of the Sower, then, seems to be fundamental for understanding all the rest of the Parables of Jesus. Because it makes clear that what is necessary to understand Jesus is to have faith in him, and that Jesus will not enlighten those who flatly refuse to believe and choose not to put their trust in the Good News of the Gospel.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Isaiah Ch. 55 VV. 10 – 13
Romans Ch. 8 VV. 1 – 11

Matthew Ch. 13 VV. 1 – 9
& VV. 18 – 23

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Loving Jesus, we believe in you. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who you sent to us to be our helper. Bless us with your Spirit so we may be full of self-control, love, courage, and power. We pray that we always walk with this Spirit wherever we go and in whatever we do. Use your Spirit to wash the distractions and troubling thoughts from our minds. Make us calm and confident in our ability to succeed. We pray that we will be filled with the spirit of courage, 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 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of 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, Graham King, 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 and Pat Rushmere. 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 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.