

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. 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
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 30 th August (8:45 am)	St. Peter's, Ilmer
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 6 th September (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
Sponsored Walk (Around the Churches of Princes Risborough. <i>Speak to Vince for more Details</i>)		Princes Risborough Area

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 23RD JULY 2023
7TH 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 (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... THE CREATION OF ADAM

Hands have always been a fascinating theme for artists. Michelangelo's painting of the hands of God and Adam reaching out to almost touch on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome is awe-inspiring, reminding us of how, through many millennia, the human race has been called to bear the image of God. This famous fresco, The Creation of Adam (Italian: Creazione di Adamo), forms part of the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel of St. Peter's Basilica. It illustrates the Biblical creation narrative from the Book of Genesis in which God gives life to Adam, the first human being. The fresco is part of a complex iconographic scheme and is chronologically the fourth in the series of panels depicting episodes from the Book of Genesis. The Creation of Adam is said to be one of the most replicated religious paintings of all time. In the fresco The Creation of Adam, God is depicted as an elderly white-bearded man, wrapped in a swirling cloak, with his right arm outstretched to impart the spark of life from his own finger into that of Adam, whose left arm is extended in a pose mirroring God's, a reminder that God said "let us make humankind in our image" (Genesis 1:26). It is believed that the inspiration for Michelangelo's treatment of the subject may have stemmed from the mediaeval hymn Veni Creator Spiritus which asks the "finger of the paternal right hand" (digitus paternae dexteræ) to endow the faithful with speech. The index fingers of God and Adam are separated by a small gap and some scholars think that this represents the unattainability of humanity being able to achieve divine perfection. There have been a number of hypotheses regarding the identity and meaning of the twelve figures depicted around God. One popular theory identifies the person protected by God's left arm as representing Eve. Other theories suggest that this plainly feminine figure represents the Virgin Mary, Sophia the personification of Wisdom, the personified human soul, or simply "an angel of feminine build".

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in
the same; 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

Wisdom of Solomon Ch. 12 V.13 &
VV. 16 – 19

Romans Ch. 8 VV. 12 – 25

Matthew Ch. 13 VV. 24 – 30 & VV.
36 – 43

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, we pray that you will speak to us through your Son. May we hear your Word. We pray that you will move amongst us so that we may behold your glory. Fill us with your Spirit that we may live in your light and share your love in our world, 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 7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever
giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive
within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect
in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever, 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, Dick Field, 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 Marion Patricia Oakford. 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.