

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Team Bereavement "Drop In"	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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. 2 <sup>nd</sup> August N/A	No Service (Lighthouse Week)
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup> August (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup> August (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
<b>GARDEN PARTY</b> <b>MUSIC / RAFFLE / TOMBOLA / STALLS</b> Advance Tickets Adults £10 / Children £5 On the Day Adults £12 / Children £6	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> August (3:00 to 5:00 pm)	Lane Farm, Church Lane, Lacey Green
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup> August (8:45 am)	St. Mary's, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup> August (8:45 am)	St. Peter's, Ilmer
PCC Committee Meeting	Tues. 5 <sup>th</sup> September (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup> September (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
<b>Sponsored Walk</b> (Approx. 4 miles around the Churches of Princes Risborough. <i>Speak to Vince for more Details</i> )	Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> September (Depart 10.30 am)	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 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 GREEN SEASON

Liturgically speaking, we are in the “Green” season in the Church, green being the colour of the vestments worn at this time of the year in which the focus is on our faith taking root and continuing to grow in strength and vitality. This is because we say that green is the colour of living, growing things. Hence the use of green vestments and green altar coverings in Church for what we call the Ferial season or “Ordinary Time”. Christianity is a faith which seeks to take the world seriously and, from Genesis Chapter 1, we discern that being made in the image of God means that human beings have a responsibility and duty for the stewardship of creation. Christianity is an incarnational religion based on the insight that the material is shot through with the divine; and that holiness is to be found in ordinary everyday things. This is, at least in part, why so many of the didactic stories that Jesus told that were couched in agricultural metaphor - the Parable of the Sower; the Parable of the Vineyard; the Parable of the Fig Tree; the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares; the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Because, for those with whom Jesus first shared these stories, they addressed very powerfully their common experience of daily life. And, most probably, brought to mind their own efforts to grow what we might call basic necessities from just a few small seeds. And so, they will readily have made the wider connection that good things can flourish and grow from the tiniest and simplest of beginnings. It was the 15<sup>th</sup> Century Christian mystic, whom we know as Julian of Norwich, who gazed in puzzlement upon what was a tiny thing - seemingly akin to a hazel nut - and the answer came to her that “It lasts and ever shall be because God loves it”. And she discerned that all things have their being through the love of God. “In this little thing”, she wrote, “I saw three truths. The first is that God made it. The second is that God loves it. The third is that God looks after it”.

Canon Tony Bundock

### COLLECT FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

1 Kings Ch. 3 VV. 5 – 12  
Romans Ch. 8 VV. 26 – 39  
Matthew Ch. 13 VV. 31 – 33 & VV. 44 – 52

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Lord, give us the wisdom to know that so many of our difficulties are beyond our abilities to resolve unaided. In the storms of life, bid us come to you so that we, who are aware of our weakness, may be made strong in you. Give our community the confidence to believe that you will guide the future as you have the past. When we set out in faith to join you in the storms of life, let us not hesitate, lest we begin to sink, and need a miracle to survive, 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 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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. 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 particularly pray for countries in the Mediterranean which are suffering Heatwaves and Wildfires.
- 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.