

# 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
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
Team Morning Prayer	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> September (8:45 am)	Venue TBC (Speak to Canon Tony)
<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. Starting & ending at St. Mary's Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept. (8:45 am)	St. Mary's, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept. (8:45 am)	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.

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# PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing  
**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**13<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. 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

## FOCUS ON... THE WAY OF THE CROSS

It appears that Jesus had no time for sentimental notions about human life. He knew all its reality. He was all too well aware that his own life would be cut short. The stance he took, the things he did, the people he consorted with, his outspoken attacks on religious and political authorities alike, all these things combined to make it certain that he would not be allowed to live to a ripe old age. In the Gospel narratives, we read of him seeking to break through the misunderstanding that his disciples had about the true purpose of his mission and ministry, in order to prepare them for his death and what it would mean. Jesus and his disciples lived close to nature. Some were farmers, some fishermen by trade. Jesus himself worked with wood. His disciples knew well the cycles of nature, and human powerlessness in the face of nature's insistence. So, in his teaching, Jesus often turned to nature for a metaphor to try to help his followers understand his mission. He spoke to them of a single grain. Held in the hand, it is of little use. It needs to be put into the ground, where it breaks down as if it is dead. From that death, life grows, a plant with many grains. This, he said, is what his death is about. Because from his death would come new life for all the world. That is why he would not try to avoid his death. And Jesus spoke, too, about his followers needing to be ready to lose their lives in order to gain life. Being afraid of death, trying to delay it at all costs, trying to defeat the signs of ageing, all these things can preoccupy people. But this prevents us from attending to the kind of life that really matters, a life that is full and generous and truthful. Facing this reality is the way to authentic living. This means accepting our limitations with honesty and integrity; being willing to take risks for the sake of love and truth and humanity and compassion. This is the pathway to eternal life, beginning now and continuing beyond the realm of Time and Space.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah Ch. 15 VV. 15 – 21

Romans Ch. 12 VV. 9 – 21

Matthew Ch. 16 VV. 21 – 28

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Gracious God, we thank you for summer time and school holidays. As the season changes, we pray for children starting or returning to school, for students getting ready for further education, and teachers and lecturers preparing for work. We pray for those who are anxious about this transition. Give them confidence in themselves and in the systems they will be part of. For those who recognise you as Lord, be their rock and their guide. We pray in Jesus' name, 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 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through 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, 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 Ursula Glynn-Jones.
- 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 Kimberley and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.