

# 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 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
Wed 11th October. Joint lunch and dinner at with live link to worship in Kimberley Cathedral and simultaneous Eucharist celebrated in Thame and Kimberley. Celebrant Bishop Steven. No charge if pre book. Further details to follow		St Marys Thame

## EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know that when you make on-line purchases from many retailers, at no cost to yourself, the retailer will make a donation to St. John's Church on your behalf? This is done by accessing the retailer's web site via the Easy Fundraising web site and selecting St. John's Church, Lacey Green as your nominated charity. ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)). For further details, please contact the Treasurer, Caroline Gulliver.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**14<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. Graham King will be leading this Sunday's service.

## 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
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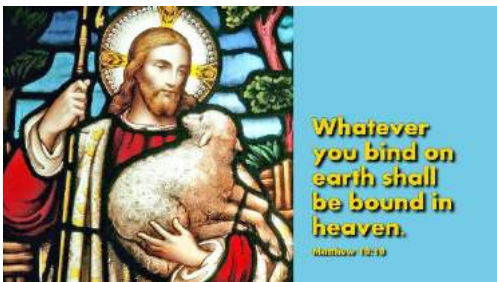
## FOCUS ON... CORRECTING ANOTHER BELIEVER

Discipline is a theme which permeates the whole bible. For example, David frequently refers to it in the psalms and Solomon reflects on it in Proverbs. Psalm 89 refers to God punishing David's descendants with a rod of iron if they fail to obey his instructions and commands but, it adds crucially, "I will never stop loving them nor fail to keep my promise to them nor break my covenant to them for I have sworn an oath to David". And in Psalm 94; "joyful are those that you discipline, those you teach with your instructions". And Proverbs chapter 3 tells us, "Don't reject the Lord's discipline and don't be upset when he corrects you. For the Lord corrects those he loves just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights". What strikes me about these verses is that the emphasis is not on punishment and discipline as an end in itself; it is part of a journey of instruction motivated by the eternal love of God for each and every one of us. Our reading today sheds a new light on the role of discipline. How we are all involved in this process. How when we wander from the straight path, we should be open to correction and that we take this in the right spirit and re-commit ourselves to be more disciplined in the future. But also when we see our loved ones in need of guidance that we may do it gently with love in private so that they can once again be reconciled to the straight path and be able to continue their spiritual journey. It does no favours to them to let them get lost along the way. But always, discipline and guidance must be tempered with, and motivated by, reconciliation. How much this is needed in our own personal relationships, local community relationships and national and international contacts. What an awesome responsibility we are given but we are given the resources to achieve this in our own small way in our areas of influence if only we ask in faith. And what will be the result in our own community? A living, vibrant community open to the out pouring of the love of God. What better message is there for this troubled and confused world?

Graham King

## COLLECT FOR 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

Ezekiel Ch. 33 VV. 7 – 11  
Romans Ch. 13 VV. 8 – 14

Matthew Ch. 18 VV. 15 – 20

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



We give thanks dear Lord for your saving goodness for us and for all people. We thank you that you are with each one of us as we walk along life's highway. That whether we feel elated or face distress and tiredness, that you are our constant friend and companion. Help us to trust in you at all times, through life's highs and lows that we might come at last to behold the revelation of your majesty, 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 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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 Morocco, and 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.