

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. 20 th Sept. (8:45 am)	St. Mary's, Church Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 27 th Sept. (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Harvest Festival	Sunday 1 st October (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
PCC Standing Committee Meeting	Tuesday 3 rd October (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 4 th October (8:45 am)	Venue TBC
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 Mary's Church, 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). 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 17th SEPTEMBER 2023
15th 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 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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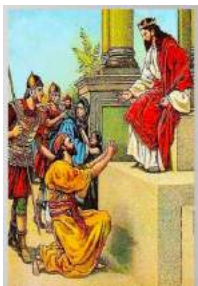
FOCUS ON... THE BOOK OF JOY

In 2015, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama met together for a time at the Dharamsala Buddhist meditation centre in north-west India to discuss the meaning of "joy". Their conversations were transcribed in a book called "The Book of Joy"; which is sub-titled "finding happiness in an uncertain world". "The ultimate source of happiness is within us," said the Dalai Lama, "not money, not power, not status, which fail to bring inner peace. Outward attainment will not bring real inner joyfulness. We must look inside." Archbishop Tutu added: "Sometimes life can be challenging and we can feel lost. But the seeds of joy are born inside each of us. I invite you to join His Holiness and me in creating more joy in our world." Among the many significant spiritual and moral insights of "The Book of Joy" is that hanging on to unresolved resentments, withholding forgiveness, not letting go of embitterment, this is the path that greatly hampers our ability to experience the inner joy of which the Archbishop and the Dalai Lama speak in the book, and which brings true contentment and happiness in life. In other words, if we hold back forgiveness of others, we are hurting ourselves and damaging our ability to know true joy and peace of mind. And to truly forgive ourselves, to know ourselves to be forgiven, we have to be willing to forgive others. Only then will we learn, as so many others have learned, how much goodness comes from forgiveness. It is a prerequisite of being forgiven that we forgive others. And then simply leave the rest to God – mindful that only God can truly forgive us and other people in the deepest sense. Forgiveness does not necessarily come easily. It has a cost. That is because our human nature so often gets in the way. The Church, then, should be a place where people catch a glimpse of God's kingdom on earth, a kingdom abounding in grace, abounding in joy, where all are welcome, and all are forgiven.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Genesis Ch. 50 VV. 15 – 21
Romans Ch. 14 VV. 1 – 12

Matthew Ch. 18 VV. 21 – 35

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, we pray for all areas of conflict throughout the world - send your healing, compassion and mercy to all those who suffer, either from oppression or natural disasters. Let the Holy Spirit inspire them with hope and courage, in the Name of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, 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 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 have been suffering Heatwaves and Wildfires, the recent floods in Libya and the recent earthquake in Morocco.
- 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.