

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

| Event | Date and time | Venue |
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| 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 |
| 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) | St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough |
| Wed 11 th 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 from Canon Tony / Graham King | | St Mary's Church, Thame |
| Team Morning Prayer | Wed. 11 th October (8:45 am) | St. John's Church |
| Harvest Festival | Sunday 15 th October (10:00 am) | St. John's Church |
| Team Morning Prayer | Wed. 18 th October. (8:45 am) | St. Peter's Owlswick |

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.

Key Contacts:

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2023
17TH 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

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| 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

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| 9:30 am | In-church Said Parish Communion Service |
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FOCUS ON... ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

The feast-day of Saint Michael and All Angels occurs on 29th September; being the date of the dedication in honour of Saint Michael of an ancient Church near Rome. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the three angels whose names we know from Scripture. Michael means 'who is like God' and is portrayed as the protector of Israel and the leader of the armies of God, perhaps best known as the slayer of the dragon in the Book of Revelations. Michael is therefore seen as the protector of Christians from the wiles of the devil. Gabriel means 'the strength of God' and was sent by God to Mary to announce the birth of Christ. Raphael means 'the healing of God' and is depicted in the Book of Tobit, as the one who restores Tobit's sight. We can say that the continuing power of angelology in wider culture is well demonstrated by popularity of the song by Robbie Williams containing these lyrics: "I sit and wait; does an angel contemplate my fate; and do they know; the places where we go; when we're grey and old; 'cause I have been told; that salvation lets their wings unfold. So, when I'm lying in my bed; thoughts running through my head; and I feel the love is dead; I'm loving angels instead". The theologian Rudolf Otto used the word "numinous" to describe the innate nature of the holy which he described using the phrase "mysterium tremendum et fascinans"; that which conjures up a sense of fearfulness but also overwhelming attraction. In fact, the intention of our worship is to express at least something of our fearfulness, and our awe and wonder, at the majesty of the living God. In other words, as best we can within our human limitations, to align the song of worship of we mortals here on earth with the song of the angels in heaven. And so bring into being the sense that the veil between earth and heaven is very thin and that we may thus be lifted up, at least in part, to catch some glimpse of the panoply of heaven and the glory of God.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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. 18 VV. 1 – 4 & VV. 25 – 32
Philippians Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 13

Matthew Ch. 21 VV. 23 – 32

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Lord, we thank you for your offer of life in all its abundance. May we accept it with joy every day of our life. Let us move forward in faith and hope to serve you in our daily lives, 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 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
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.