

# 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
Harvest Festival	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 18 <sup>th</sup> October. (8:45 am)	St. Peter's Owlswick
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 25 <sup>th</sup> October (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup> November (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
PCC Meeting	Tues. 7 <sup>th</sup> November (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup> October (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough

## 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 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL (19<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 ... ROBERT STEPHEN HAWKER

Robert Stephen Hawker was an Anglican clergyman, poet, antiquarian of Cornwall. At the age of 19, he married his godmother Charlotte l'ans, herself then aged 41, and a honeymoon in Tintagel engendered in Hawker a life-long fascination with Arthurian legend. He took Anglican Orders in 1831 and, after a curacy at North Tamerton, was appointed Vicar of Morwenstow where he remained for the rest of his life. When Hawker arrived at Morwenstow there had not been a Vicar in residence for over a century. Smugglers and wreckers are said to have been numerous and one report claims that the Morwenstow wreckers "allowed a fainting brother to perish in the sea without extending the hand of safety". Parson Hawker was determined to instil Christian values amongst his parishioners. It is said that he pondered the agricultural festivals of ancient Israel, as recorded in the Book of Deuteronomy, and was inspired to revive Llammas Day in the form of Harvest Thanksgiving. The first Harvest Festival as we know it today took place at Morwenstow Parish Church in October 1843 as Hawker sought to encourage his parishioners to give thanks to God for the good things of the Harvest. Bread made from the first cut of corn was taken at Holy Communion. His idea spread rapidly across Victorian Britain and it is hard to imagine that there is now a Church or School anywhere in the country that does celebrate Harvest Festival. Amongst his published writings are his "Song of the Western Men", sung as the unofficial "national anthem" of Cornwall; and his work on the Grail Legend "The Quest of the Sangraal". His eccentricities are said to have included the use of opium and being known to have dressed as a mermaid. Widowed in 1863, he married Pauline Kuczynski, aged 20, the following year; and the couple had three daughters. He died in August 1875, converting to Roman Catholicism on his death-bed. Mourners at his funeral wore purple instead of the customary black.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

Deuteronomy Ch. 8 VV. 7 – 18  
2 Corinthians Ch. 9 VV. 6 – 15

Luke Ch. 12 VV. 16 – 30

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Lord, we pray for your blessing on every kind of harvest that we enjoy. Thank you for the harvest of the land and the sea. Bless too the harvest of the factory, mine and workshop. Bless the harvest of research and of creative art. May we work together with you in every area of life to produce what is worthwhile, good and fruitful. May you be glorified in it all, 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 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; 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, Ursula Glynn-Jones, Tony Scott and Sheila Wright.
- 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 the countries of Libya and Morocco, where there have been recent natural disasters.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine, the Sudan, Israel and The Gaza Strip. 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.