

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. 1 st November (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
All Saints and Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed	Sun 5 th November (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
PCC Meeting	Tues. 7 th November (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 8 th November (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 15 th November (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed 22 nd November (8:45 am)	St. John's Church

HARVEST THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Thank you to all who brought gifts to our Harvest Festival and/or donated to the Harvest Thanksgiving Collection for Christian Aid. The collection amounted to £106.00

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 29TH OCTOBER 2023
BIBLE SUNDAY
(LAST 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 (1st & 3rd Sun)
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

TUESDAY

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON ... BIBLE SUNDAY

This Sunday is Bible Sunday. Do you have a favourite bible? Perhaps from childhood or possibly you have inherited a family bible used by your grandparents? There are now so many versions to choose from, estimated to be in excess of 80,000 versions produced in 2,650 languages. I didn't know that so many languages existed! Approximately, 100 million bibles are printed each year with almost 25% being sold in the USA. So how many bibles have been produced? No-one is quite certain but in 1995, the Guinness Book of Records awarded the bible the title of the best-selling book in history at an estimated 5 billion copies. Agatha Christie still has some way to go to catch up! Probably, the oldest bible currently known is the Codex Sinaiticus dating from the time of Constantine the Great in the early 4th century with the beautiful Gutenberg bible in the 15th century being the first edition to be mass produced and circulated following the invention of the printing press. But history does not stand still. New contemporary editions continue to be produced and numerous Apps and websites give instant access to verses or bible readings. The whole of the Anglican liturgy is available on line at the touch of a button, so we have no excuses. The bible is available for free at any time and anywhere (just like the Holy Spirit!). Perhaps we will be asked at the pearly gates why, therefore, we spent so little time reading it. It can be humbling to experience the hunger for the bible in other parts of the world. When Tony and I visited South Africa to set up our Kuruman link, we visited a school in the township of Mamoratwa. But what did the headmaster request for his pupils? Bibles in their native language, Setswana, which we duly arranged. Subsequently, we received messages of gratitude and photographs of the presentation of the bibles to pupils in front of proud parents and grandparents. They thanked us for providing them with "the book of life". What an appropriate phrase. A book that can give advice throughout our life; a book to cover every situation in life, from joy, hope, grief and suffering; a book that contains words of eternal life.

Graham King

COLLECT FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

Nehemiah Ch. 8 VV. 1 – 4a, VV. 5 – 6 &
VV. 8 – 12

Colossians Ch. 3 VV. 12 – 17

Matthew Ch. 24 VV. 30 – 35

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the Bible. Thank you that you reveal yourself and your glorious purposes in it and that we can come to know Jesus as our Lord and Saviour through it. Thank you for the power of the Holy Spirit enabling us to understand your word, to be shaped by it and to share it with others, *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 BIBLE SUNDAY

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread: who is alive and reigns, now and forever, *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, 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.