

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
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
Team Morning Prayer	Wed 29 th November (8:45 am)	St. Peter's Ilmer

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 5TH NOVEMBER 2023
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
(WITH COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED)

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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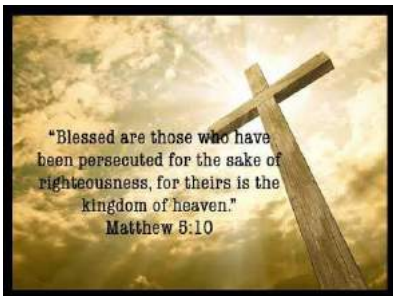
FOCUS ON ... ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

All Saints Day falls on 1st November but it is nowadays increasingly commonplace to commemorate the festival as All Saints Sunday, on the Sunday adjacent to the feast-day itself. There is evidence from the 4th Century onwards of the commemoration of Christian Saints and Martyrs in various places and on differing dates with 13th May evidently adopted by Pope Boniface IV early in the 7th Century. By the year 800, there is evidence that Churches in Britain, Ireland and Bavaria were keeping the feast of All Saints on 1st November, and there are suggestions that this was possibly intended to supplant the ancient pagan Celtic festival of Samhain. The significance of All Saints Day in the life of the Church in this country is borne out by the fact that some 1255 of our ancient Churches have been dedicated to All Saints – a figure which is surpassed only by the number of Churches in this country dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is said to have been by Pope Gregory IV in the early 7th Century that 1st November was adopted in the wider Western Church within what came to be known as the Holy Roman Empire. In Western Christianity, including Roman Catholicism, the Lutheran Church and the Anglican Church, All Souls Day, also known as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, takes place on 2nd November with that date having been standardised by Saint Odilo of Cluny in the 10th Century. In the Anglican tradition, All Souls Day is perceived as an extension of All Saints Day; and took on a special significance after the overwhelmingly massive loss on life as a result of the First World War. As the Epistle to the Hebrews affirms, “since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith”.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

Isaiah Ch. 56 VV. 3 – 8
Hebrews Ch. 12 VV. 18 – 24

Matthew Ch. 5 VV. 1 – 12

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, Lord of Peace and Joy, we thank you for our families and friends, and the comfort they bring us. We value the guidance and Protection you offer us. We pray for anyone who feels alone at this time, bereft, and not knowing which way to turn. Please send them friendships and hope, and to learn that these challenges will pass. Let your Compassion and Mercy bring them peace, support, and the desire to understand and follow your Holy word. In the name of Jesus. 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 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; 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, 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 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 Kimberley and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.