

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 29 th November (8:45 am)	St. Peter's Ilmer
Organ Recital (Fund Raising for the Organ)	Sat. 2 nd December (4:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Toy Service	Sun. 3 rd December (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Advent Carol Service	Sun. 3 rd December (TBC)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed 6 th December (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed 13 th December (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed 20 th December (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough

ORGAN RECITAL

In honour of the restoration of our Samuel Green Organ, we will be holding a celebration concert on Saturday 2nd December starting at 4:00 p.m. Performing will be two of Gavin's friends - Alastair Ross (organ) and Gillian Ross (soprano). Alastair is principal keyboard player of the Academy of Ancient Music and the Sixteen, with whom he played a Handel Organ Concerto at the BBC proms. Gillian works with major Baroque groups with whom she has appeared as a soloist on a number of recordings. Tickets can be bought in advance from Tony, Margaret, Cher, Gavin and Rosemary and include refreshments provided by the choir.

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 26TH NOVEMBER 2023
CHRIST THE KING

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. The Common Cup is being used during our Communion services 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 ... CHRIST THE KING

There is a paradox at the heart of Kingship, of any monarchy, or any kind of political leadership. Those who become leaders are called to do so in order to serve their people, and to promote the well-being of their people in every aspect of life rather than further their own interests. The sad truth is that the course of history has been marked from time to time by leaders who have done exactly the opposite. They have claimed power for their own selfish ends; they have sought personal gain at the expense of their people, and they have caused them enormous pain and suffering and deprivation. The fullest expression of the paradox of quality leadership, however, is to be found in the life of Jesus Christ. None of the claims that Jesus made about himself were made for his own glory or personal benefit. Not even when he stood up to read in his home synagogue at Nazareth the passage from Isaiah beginning "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." and then followed the reading with the words "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing". And there is one particular expression that recurs time and again in the Gospels. Jesus refers to himself time and again as "the Son of Man". And so, we read that "the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." And that "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." This is perhaps the ultimate expression of leadership through service and self-sacrifice, but it also carries overtones of the Kingship of Christ. Because it is this same "Son of Man" who will come, we are told, "in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his throne of glory". But Jesus teaches us that his Kingship is primarily to be seen in those in need, made manifest in those who most need our care and support, those who we are called to serve for the sake of Christ our Lord and King. And it is in our caring for them that we give glory to him: our Saviour Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant, the chosen Messiah, the Lord of Lords, the King of Glory.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING (SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT)

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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. 34 VV. 11 – 16 & VV. 20 – 24
Ephesians Ch. 1 VV. 15 – 23

Matthew Ch. 25 VV. 31 – 46

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, we thank you for your continued presence in our lives. When you send us out in any new endeavour, remind us that we are part of your great plan, and any skills or talents that we need will be inspired through your direction of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the light of the world - let us bathe in that light in all we do. Let that healing light shine throughout the world, *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 CHRIST THE KING (SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT)

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; 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, Marcus Barthropp, 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 Kimberly and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.