

# 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
Christingle Service	Sun. 10 <sup>th</sup> December <b>(3:00 pm)</b>	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup> December (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
Nine Lessons & Carol Service	Sun. 17 <sup>th</sup> December (6:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 20 <sup>th</sup> December (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Crib Service	Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup> December (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Midnight Mass of the Nativity	Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup> December (11:15 pm)	St. John's Church
Parish Communion with Carols	Christmas Day (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
<b>NO SERVICE</b>	<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>St. John's Church</b>
St. John The Evangelist Holy Communion	Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> December (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Parish Communion	Sun. 31 <sup>st</sup> December (10:00 am)	St. John's Church

## 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 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### 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 (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
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## FOCUS ON ... THE ADVENT WREATH - PEACE

On Advent Sunday we lit the first candle on the Advent Wreath and celebrated the patriarchs. On the Second Sunday of Advent we light it again as we place our hope in Jesus the blessing of God for all nations; and we now also light the second candle, the peace candle, as we reflect on the message of expectation and anticipation that we find in the teachings of the Old Testament prophets and most notably in this prophecy of Isaiah: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son; and shall name him Immanuel". (Isaiah 7:14). The timeless message of the Old Testament prophets was one of judgement and restoration. They proclaimed that the long-expected Messiah would establish God's kingdom, transform creation, and be a source of blessing to all the nations, thereby fulfilling the purpose of God's ancient covenant with Abraham. They taught that God calls us to repentance, that God loves us unconditionally, that God uses ordinary people to serve his purposes, that God is both gracious and just, and that God has a plan and purpose for our lives.

*Lord God you spoke through your prophets and promised a kingdom of peace. We welcome you Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace and our hearts long for the establishment of your kingdom of justice and righteousness. Amen.*

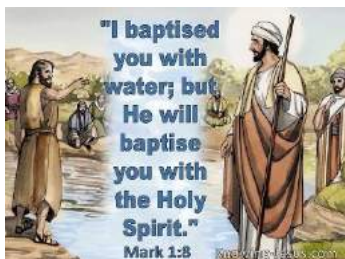
As the second candle is lighted:

*God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. Amen.*

Canon Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever, *Amen*.



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah Ch. 40 VV. 1 – 11  
2 Peter Ch. 3 VV. 8 – 15a

Mark Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 8

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Lord Jesus, let the promise of your second coming inspire us to live with hope and purpose. As we wait for your plan to unfold, give us the patience we need. Remind us of the peace we can access when we take time to still ourselves before you and remember that you are God, *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 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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.