

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
Crib Service	Sun. 24 th December (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Midnight Mass of the Nativity	Sun. 24 th December (11:15 pm)	St. John's Church
Parish Communion with Carols	Christmas Day (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
NO SERVICE	Tues 26 th December	St. John's Church
St. John The Evangelist Holy Communion	Wed. 27 th December (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Parish Communion	Sun. 31 st December (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	Sun. 7 th January (8:00 am)	St. John's Church
Parish Communion with Carols	Sun. 7 th January (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 10 th December (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 17 th December (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough

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
24TH (Midnight) & 25TH DECEMBER 2023
CHRISTMAS

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 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 ... THE ADVENT WREATH - JOY

On Christmas Day: we light again the candles of hope, peace, love, joy; and we now light the candle at the centre of the Advent Wreath as we celebrate the gift of the birth of Jesus.

Holy God you left the glory of heaven to take upon yourself our fragile humanity. You came to us in love and yet we denied you room and you were laid in a manger. We have lit candles of hope, peace, love and joy, may these virtues shine brightly in our lives as we welcome you into our hearts this Christmas. Amen.

As the (white) Christmas candle is lighted:

God our Father, today the Saviour is born and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light. Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy, to live in the light of your Son, and to share the good news of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who has come into the world. *Amen.*

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever, Amen.

READINGS FOR

CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS (SET III)

Isaiah Ch. 52 VV. 7 – 10
Hebrews Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 12

John Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 14

CHRISTMAS DAY (SET I)

Isaiah Ch. 9 VV. 2 – 7
Titus Ch. 2 VV. 11 – 14

Luke Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 20

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Christ, born for us. Son of God, given for us. Help us to know you more deeply this Christmastide, 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.



COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the 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, Sheila Wright and Kate Collet-Fenson.
- The recently departed. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families and friends at this difficult time.
- 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.