

# 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
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
Said Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup> January (8:00 am)	St. John's Church
Parish Communion with Carols	Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup> January (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup> December (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> 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  
**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
**4<sup>TH</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 - JOY

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent: we light the fourth candle on the Advent Wreath in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia, alleluia. Mary, Mother of Jesus, blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Alleluia!**

*As the fourth Advent candle is lighted:*

God our Father, the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of your only Son, and she responded to your call with joy. Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like Mary in the great work of bringing to the world your love and healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. *Amen.*

*Canon Tony Bundock*

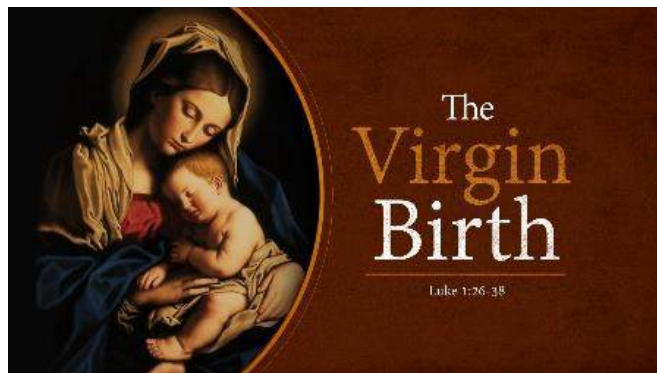
## COLLECT FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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

2 Samuel Ch. 7 VV. 1 – 11 & V. 16  
Romans Ch. 16 VV. 25 – 27

Luke Ch. 1 VV. 26 – 38



## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Lord God, we come to you in this Advent season, ready to prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. We ask you to help us put aside our worries and distractions, and to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Help us to be generous with our time, our love, and our resources. And help us to share the joy of Christmas 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 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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, 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 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.