

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. 24 th January (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 31 st January (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 7 th February (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 14 th February (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 21 st February (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 28 th February (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
PCC Meeting	Tuesday 5 th March (7:30 pm)	[PCC To Be Notified]
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 6 th March (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.

2023 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We are pleased to report that our Christingle Service on 10th December 2023 raised £83.10 for the Children's Society.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2024
3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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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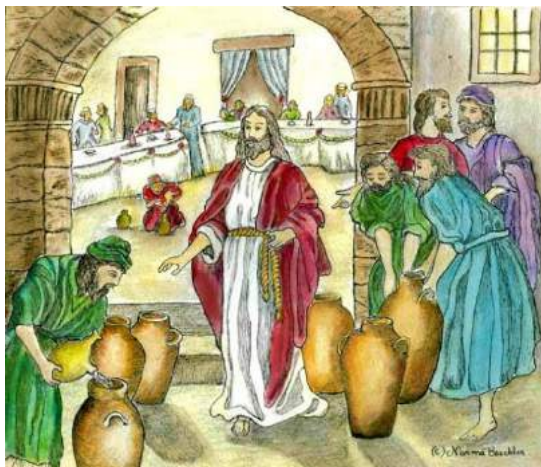
FOCUS ON ... THE WEDDING AT CANA

This was the first sign performed by Jesus in Galilee only a few days after his baptism by John the Baptist. The role of Mary, the mother of Jesus, is interesting. She notices that the wine is about to run out but has faith that Jesus can solve the problem. He appears reluctant to become involved at first; "this is not our problem" as the time for his revelation had not yet fully come. But he does help by a simple command to the servants to fill six vast jars with water. The result; over 500 bottles of top-quality wine! What does all this mean? Far from being an act of showmanship, it was deeply symbolic showing the quality and quantity of God's providence which will satisfy all our needs beyond measure. It resonates with the biblical images of the heavenly banquet and Christ as the bridegroom and the church as his bride. And the Jewish purification jars were transformed by the ultimate high priest into an offering for the purification of our souls which we remember each time we partake of the wine at our Eucharist. So let us give thanks for the generosity of our heavenly Father and accept his invitation to celebrate, like the bride and groom, the start of a new life together.

Graham King

COLLECT FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

Genesis Ch. 14 VV. 17 – 20
Revelation No. 19 VV. 6 – 10

John Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 11

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, may we follow Your light into all the darkness of the world, overthrowing the old and tired ways, fighting for justice, forging paths to peace, loving those it's hard to love, knowing You go before us and call us to follow, *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 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever, *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, Dick Field, Helena Oecken, Marcus Barthropp, Ursula Glynn-Jones, Tony Scott and Sheila Wright.
- The recently departed including Irene Foord. 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 at this time for people of the UK who have been affected by recent storms including flooding.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine, the Sudan, Israel and The Gaza Strip and The Red Sea. 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.