

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Welcome service for those from Ukraine staying with local families	Sunday 19 th June (12 Noon)	St. John's Church
PCC Committee Meeting	Tuesday 21 st June (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 22 nd June (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 29 th June (8:45 am)	St. Peter's Ilmer
All-Age Worship with Holy Communion	Sunday 3 rd July (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
St. John's Church Summer Fete.	Saturday 9 th July (12 Noon to 4:00 pm)	St. John's Church Vicarage Garden

UKRAINE CRISIS

Donations to the Unicef appeal for help for the children of Ukraine can be made by telephoning 0300 330 5699 or by post to Freepost RTZU-CHYK-BHJC Unicef UK, Ukraine Appeal, 1 Westfield Avenue, London E20 1HZ. Alternatively, donations may be made to UK Aid through the Disasters Emergency Committee by texting "TIMES" to "70150" or telephoning 0370 6060 900 or by post to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, P.O. Box 999, London EC3A 3AA – donations through this appeal will be match-funded by the UK Government up to £20 million. There is a collection plate in Church for cash donations which will be forwarded on your behalf. Rotary International are appealing for medical supplies but also for blankets, mittens, knee pads, and warm socks which are to be transported by vehicle from Maidstone, and also for mother and baby supplies which will be sent through the Polish community in Banbury. We will arrange for donations of this kind to reach the appropriate dispatch point. Thank you.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 19TH JUNE 2022
1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

We are not currently proposing to make any changes to our Covid-19 measures in Church. Wearing masks in church, is requested when moving around in Church. Please maintain social distancing where possible and sanitise your hands. We are now offering, for those who wish it, hosts intincted by the Celebrant at all Communion Services. The Lady Chapel area will be set aside as a mandatory social distancing area for those who feel they need to socially distance themselves from others. Please respect this. Where possible, we will be serving coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays.

We are shortly going to receive a card reader so we can 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... DEALING WITH DEMONS

Hardly a matter for polite conversation, but our faith permeates all aspects of life. And so, in our Gospel reading today, we have the account of Jesus casting out demons from the man in the graveyard at Gerasene.

This seems such a dramatic and extreme event that it is far-removed from our everyday lives. But demons are disguised in many forms. We refer to the modern demons of addiction to drink, drugs, violence and abuse which take possession of the lives of the vulnerable.

And during the recent Covid epidemic and periods of lockdown and isolation, it would be a brave person who could claim to have been unaffected by periods of darkness and despair. For some, this has become a traumatising experience which continues to affect them.

Mental illness is now an increasing reality across the generations. Whether it is more prevalent or rather more readily recognised and detected is open to academic debate but it is a harsh daily reality for many.

So, what can we learn from our Gospel reading today? Immediately preceding this passage, Luke has related the power of Jesus over the natural environment by quelling the storm on the Sea of Galilee and following our Gospel passage, he recounts the physical healing of Jairus's daughter.

Today, we learn of the power of Jesus over the spiritual world; a battleground of good and evil which continues to play out day by day.

But we can be confident that the power of God surpasses all the powers of evil; whatever happens to us, wherever we are, nothing can separate us from his love which is all-powerful and will triumph. So take comfort and rejoice.

And what does Jesus ask of the healed man at Gerasene? "Go back to your family and tell them everything that God has done for you"

What better mission statement could we have than that?

Graham King

COLLECT FOR 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.



READINGS FOR 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Isaiah Ch. 65 VV. 1 – 9
Galatians Ch. 3 VV. 23 – 29

Luke Ch. 8 VV. 26 – 39

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER

(This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by MARK ROBERTS)

Almighty and eternal God, you have given your servants who confess of the true faith the duty to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and to worship the true Unity in the power of the divine majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith, and always defend us from all adversities; for you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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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 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love; for the sake of 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, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ian Goodearl, Sally Zeybek, Doug Tilbury, Don White, Pat Syrett, Marcus Barthropp, and Mark Bilsborough. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed including Alan Luxford. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families and friends at this difficult time.
- Kelly Safaris Silva and her family who are currently in need at this time.
- 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. That there will be a rapid end to the fighting and the suffering for its People.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and those caring for them. Particularly praying for countries where infection rates are very high and the hospitals are struggling to cope.
- 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.

