

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Team Bereavement "Drop In" (Second Monday of the Month)	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
Compline with Meditation	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Said Compline with Meditation	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Said Compline with Meditation	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup> April (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
Maundy Thursday (Sung Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar)	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April (8:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Good Friday (Last Hours & Prayers at the Cross)	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April (2:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Easter Liturgy	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Easter Day Communion Services	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April (8:00 & 10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Easter Day Evensong	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April (6:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Full PCC Committee Meeting	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April (7:30 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 12 <sup>th</sup> April (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM, after the 10:00 am Service)	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St. John's Church

## ONE CAN TRUST

We have a box outside the Church Porch for any donations of store cupboard food items for the One Can Trust. Any Donations welcome. Thank you.

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing  
**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2023**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

### 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. A bottle of sanitiser is available in the Chancel in front of the choir stalls for people to use prior to receiving Communion, if they wish. From Whitsunday (Pentecost) on 28<sup>th</sup> May, we are proposing to re-introduce the Common Cup. For those who still wish to receive by Intinction, pre-intincted wafers will be available. 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 and where masks will be worn. Please respect this. Where possible, we will be serving coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays.

We have now received the card reader so we will shortly be 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... PALM SUNDAY

The commemoration of Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday which is celebrated by the blessing and distribution of palm branches (or the branches of other native trees), representing the palm branches which the crowd scattered in front of Jesus Christ as he rode on a donkey into Jerusalem. The Gospel testimony is that the excited crowds laid down their cloaks and small branches of trees in front of Jesus, crying "Hosanna to the Son of David" and singing verses 25-26 of Psalm 118, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord". The first part of the Order of Service for Palm Sunday is known as the "Liturgy of the Palms" and it includes the blessing and giving out of palm crosses, a reading from one of the Gospel texts concerning the events of the first Palm Sunday, and a solemn procession in commemoration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem. The second part of the service is known as the "Liturgy of the Passion" for which it is customary for a reading of one of the Passion Gospels to be read or sung in dramatic form often by way of three voices: a narrator, someone to speak the words of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels, and a third reader for the other characters who appear in the narrative. For the Church of England Liturgical Year A, it is the Passion Gospel according to Saint Matthew which is appointed to be read. Looking beyond the events recorded in the Gospels concerning Palm Sunday itself, our hearts and minds are therefore directed towards the unfolding story of the last week of the earthly life of Jesus culminating in his life-giving sacrificial death and his most glorious and joyful resurrection. As Holy Week unfolds, then, we ponder the deep mysteries of our faith and in particular the mystical connection between love and suffering. And we commit ourselves once more to our calling as friends and followers of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 PALM SUNDAY

Matthew Ch. 21 VV. 1 – 11

Isaiah Ch. 50 VV. 4 – 9a

Philippians Ch. 2 VV. 5 – 11

Liturgy of the Passion – Matthew

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Lord, give us the grace and courage to follow you this Holy Week; from death to resurrection and from darkness to the fullness of light and life. Hosanna.

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 PALM SUNDAY

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father, 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: Dick Field, John Gabbitas, Martin Moore, Kelly Safaris De Silva, Marcus Barthropp, Helena Oecken, John Thomas-Davies, Frances Thomas-Davies, Richard Thomas-Davies, Jay Edmondson and Martinus Vorster.\*\*
- The recently departed, may their souls rest in peace. We pray at this time for the soul of Gary Webb and for his family 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 particularly pray at this time for the people of Turkey and Syria following the recent major earthquakes.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine. That there will be a rapid end to the fighting and the suffering for its People.
- We pray for our National Health Service, which is currently experiencing increased demand, and the Doctors, Nurses and Support Staff.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and those caring for them.
- 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.

**[\*\*Names will be kept on the Sick List on the Pew Sheet for up to One Month. If you or somebody needs to be included on the Pew Sheet beyond then, please contact Canon Tony. Thank you.]**