

## DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
<b>Church Mice</b> Praise and Play for Babies and Pre-schooler and their Families. Contact Jenny Stothard / Sarah Cann (kindergymjenny@gmail.com)	Wednesdays, 2:00 pm (Excluding School Holidays)	St. John's Church 
<b>Annual Toy Service</b> with a Salvation Army Speaker	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
<b>Advent Carol Service</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 (3:30 pm)	St. John's Church
<b>Churches Together in Risborough Advent Carols Service</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2019 (6:00 pm)	Elim Pentecostal Church, Princes Risborough
<b>Christmas Tree Festival</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> December	St. John's Church
<b>Churches Together Prayers for the General Election</b> (Private Prayer). <i>Other Churches in the Risborough Team will also be open on this day.</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> December (9:00 to 10:00 am)	St. John's Church
<b>Nine Lessons and Carols Service</b> by Candlelight	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 (6:00 pm)	St. John's Church



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year St. John's Church will be holding its first Christmas Tree Festival between 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Organisations and Individuals can enter a decorated tree to this event. Further details to follow or please speak to Margaret Gray if you are thinking about entering a tree. Funds raised will be split between St. John's and a number of Charities.

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS UPDATES

The **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November was well attended and a great success. Current estimates are that £1,300 was raised for church funds, but it was also a good outreach and fellowship event. Thanks to those who attended and all who helped in any way.

## REQUEST FOR DONATIONS OF LEGO

St. John's is looking for donations of spare Lego (or similar plastic bricks) which you no longer have a use for. This is to be used for Children's activities during Junior Church and what they have built can be shown to the congregation at the end of the service.

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP



SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Christ the King / Sunday Next Before Advent**

St. John's is a member Church of the Risborough Team Ministry. We seek to be very much a family church and to be known as being very welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds; and actively supportive of our two Parish Schools.

St. John's Church dates from 1825 and was originally a "Chapel of Ease" attached to the Parish of Princes Risborough. The chancel and sanctuary at the East end were added later when the chapel was converted into a parish church in 1851. Our organ is a rare Samuel Green organ, and it is older than the church itself, dating from 1792. It was originally a parlour organ in a large country house before being brought to St. John's and modified. It is located in the former Vicar's Vestry, on the North side of the chancel.

Our Team Vicar for St. John's is the Reverend Canon Tony Bundock. Prior to joining the Risborough Team, Canon Tony served in Team Ministries both in the St. Albans Diocese and the Leeds Diocese.

[www.stjohnschurchlaceygreen.co.uk](http://www.stjohnschurchlaceygreen.co.uk)

## Worship in St John's Church

### Weekly Services:

SUNDAY

8:00 am

Said Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10:00 am

Parish Communion with (**Junior Church** term times, *except 1st Sunday of each month for All Age Worship*)

TUESDAY

9:30 am

Said Communion (Common Worship)

Vicar

Rev. Canon Tony Bundock

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Team Rector

Rev. David Williams

01844 346984

Churchwardens

Mrs Pat Rushmere

01844 345452

Mrs Margaret Gray

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## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King; keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.

## READINGS FOR TODAY

Jeremiah Ch. 23 VV. 1 – 6  
Colossians Ch. 1 VV. 11 – 20

Luke Ch. 23 VV. 33 – 43



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord., *Amen*.

## PRAYER NOTES

- For those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Irene Foord, Ruth Barclay, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson and Ron Goodearl.
- For the recently departed, notably Colin Rushmere. May their souls rest in peace. Also, we pray for their families at this difficult time, particularly for Pat and her family.
- For Peace and Resolution for the peoples of those countries where there is conflict or tension including countries in the Middle East, Ukraine, Nigeria, Venezuela, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong and Turkey.
- For Comfort and mercy for the peoples of those countries, where there have been natural disasters, and for the aid agencies bringing relief. We particularly pray at this time for those parts of Northern England affected by flooding.
- For our own Country, Government and Parliament at this time of uncertainty, that that MP's will come together in the National Interest.

- For migrants that they may receive justice and mercy.
- Safety for Christians and peoples of all faiths in danger that there may be a spirit of peace and understanding.
- For our mission and ministry in this community.
- For our Linked Parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.
- Thanks for our church community and our shared faith
- Thanks for all who help, in any way, in our Church.
- For our fundraising events this year.

### ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY 2019/20 LIST OF SERVICES

**Advent Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am All Age Toy Service with Salvation Army speaker  
3.30pm Advent Carol Service  
(n.b. this year's 6pm CTR service is at Elm Pentecostal Church)

**Advent 2 - 8<sup>th</sup> December : CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church  
3.30pm Christingle Service - in aid of Children's Society

**Advent 3 - 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church  
6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Advent 4 – 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
8am Holy Communion BCP  
10am Parish Communion

**Christmas Eve**  
3.30pm Crib Service  
11.15pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

**Christmas Day**  
8am Holy Communion BCP  
10am Parish Communion with Carols

**St. John the Evangelist – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December**  
9.30am Holy Communion  
followed by drinks and cake

**Christmas 1 – 29<sup>th</sup> December**  
8am Holy Communion BCP  
10am Parish Communion

**2020**  
**Christmas 2 – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January**  
8am Holy Communion BCP  
10am All Age Service of the Epiphany  
3.30pm Choral Evensong – Eve of the Epiphany

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Feast of the Epiphany NO SERVICE**

**Baptism of Jesus – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January**  
3.30pm Epiphany Carol Service



## TOYS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

### PRESENTS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018  
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, LACEY  
GREEN. PLEASE BRING YOUR  
GIFT(S) TO THE 10:00am  
SERVICE**

**Presents should be NEW AND UNWRAPPED and suitable for any child / young person.**

**A SPEAKER FROM THE SALVATION ARMY WILL BE AT THE SERVICE.**

**FOLLOW THE STAR** is a pocket-sized booklet commended by the Archbishops and Canterbury and York for a spiritual journey through the 12 days of Christmas travelling in the footsteps of the Wise Men. It contains 14 daily reflections from Christmas Eve up to and including Epiphany. Each day has a short bible passage, a prayer, a reflection, and a challenge to reflect or act differently. Booklets cost £1.50 each. There is a list in church for those who would like to order one (or more).