

DIARY DATES

| Event | Date and time | Venue |
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| Church Mice 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  |
| Annual Toy Service with a Salvation Army Speaker | 1 st December 2019 (10:00 am) | St. John's Church |
| Advent Carol Service | 1 st December 2019 (3:30 pm) | St. John's Church |
| Churches Together in Risborough Advent Carols Service | 1 st December 2019 (6:00 pm) | Elim Pentecostal Church, Princes Risborough |
| Christmas Tree Festival | 5 th to 8 th December | St. John's Church |
| Churches Together Prayers for the General Election (Selected churches open at the indicated times for Private Prayer). | 11 th December (9:00 to 10:00 am) (12:00 to 1:00 pm) (7:00 to 8:00 pm) | St. John's Church Princes Risb. Baptists Church St. Mary's PR |
| Nine Lessons and Carols Service by Candlelight | 15 th 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 5th and 8th 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

Recent fundraising event have been very successful. They have not only raised funds but have been great fellowship events. Thanks to all who organised, help with and attended the events

- The **Christmas Fayre** held on 16th Nov. raised around £1,300.
- The **Dinner Dance** held on 19th October raised over £4,600.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP



SUNDAY 1st December 2019
1st Sunday of 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. The organ 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, Conon Tony served in Team Ministries both in the St. Albans Diocese and the Leeds Diocese.

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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

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Churchwardens

Mrs Pat Rushmere

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Mrs Margaret Gray

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COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

READINGS FOR TODAY

Matthew Ch. 24 vv. 36 – 44



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in
sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
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.
- 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. We give thanks that they have been successful.

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY 2019/20 LIST OF SERVICES

Advent Sunday – 1st 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 Elim Pentecostal Church)

Advent 2 - 8th 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 - 15th December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church
6.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Advent 4 – 22nd 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 27th December

9.30am Holy Communion
followed by drinks and cake

Christmas 1 – 29th December

8am Holy Communion BCP
10am Parish Communion

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Christmas 2 – Sunday 5th January

8am Holy Communion BCP
10am All Age Service of the Epiphany
3.30pm Choral Evensong – Eve of the Epiphany

Monday 6th January – Feast of the Epiphany NO SERVICE

Baptism of Jesus – Sunday 12th January

3.30pm Epiphany Carol Service



FOLLOW THE STAR

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).