

## 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>Sung Evensong of the Epiphany</b>	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 (3:30 pm)	St. John's Church
<b>Meeting of the Parochial Church Council</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 (7:45 pm)	Old Stocks, 1, Hets Orchard
<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Service</b> for Churches Together in Risborough	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 (3:00 pm)	St. John's Church



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> November raised around £1,300.
- The **Dinner Dance** held on 19<sup>th</sup> October raised £4,622.39.
- The **Christmas Tree Festival** held between 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December raised over £600.00

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP



**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

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, Canon 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	01844 347741
Team Rector	Rev. David Williams	01844 346984
Churchwardens	Mrs Pat Rushmere	01844 345452
	Mrs Margaret Gray	01844 347094

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.

## READINGS FOR TODAY

Isaiah Ch. 63 VV. 7 – 9  
Hebrews Ch. 2 VV. 10 - 18

Matthew Ch. 2 VV. 13 – 23.



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; 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, may their souls rest in peace. Also, we pray for their families at this difficult time.
- 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 new Government and Parliament at this time of uncertainty, that that MP's of all parties 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 successful fundraising events this year.

## CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY SERVICES

### Christmas 1 – 29<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am Parish Communion

### 2020

### Christmas 2 – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January

8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am 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

8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.00am Parish Communion with Junior Church  
3.30pm Epiphany Carol Service



## CHORAL EVENSONG OF THE EPIPHANY

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
3:30 pm

St. John's Lacey  
Green

*A selection of  
Epiphany carols and  
anthems led by St.  
John's Choir*