


DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
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 
PCC Meeting. A meeting of the full PCC.	Tuesday 3 rd March (7:45 pm)	1, Hets Orchard.
Mercy Ships Talk. A free talk about the work of Mercy Ships including a 10-minute DVD and free tea or coffee afterwards. All welcome.	Wednesday 4 th March (4:00 pm)	Princes Risborough Library
Footprints – a service for anyone who has lost a child at any stage of life, from pregnancy to adulthood. Refreshments will be served after the service. More details from Rev. Sue Morton (suemorton131@gmail.com / 01494 639286)	Friday 13 th March (7:30 pm)	Holy Trinity Church, High Wycombe
Palm Sunday. We will be celebrating Palm Sunday at the main service including processing with palm branches into the church (weather permitting) and narration of the Gospel of the Passion.	Sunday 5 th April (10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Holy Week. Advanced notice that we will be holding a programme of services during Holy Week including a Communion Service followed by Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday and a service of contemplation on Good Friday.	6 th to 11 th April (Times, TBC)	St. John's Church



The Risborough Team and Churches Together in Risborough will be following the same Lent Course for 2020.

A reminder for those signed up that the St. John's Lacey Green's Lent Group will be hosted by Ken & June Brazier at Maplehurst, Loosley Row on Thursday (mostly) **evenings** on 5th, 12th, and 26th March and 2nd April (**7:00 pm**). The sessions on 19th March will be held at another venue.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

SUNDAY 1st March 2020

1st Sunday of Lent

You are warmly welcomed to St. John's Church in Lacey Green, particularly if you are new to our congregation or are a visitor. St. John's is a member Church of the Risborough Team Ministry, serving the parish of Lacey Green, Loosely Row and Speen. We aim to be a family church, welcoming to people of all ages and backgrounds and we actively support 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 date from 1851, when the chapel was converted into a parish church. Our Samuel Green dates from 1792 and is older than the church building. It was originally a parlour organ in a large country house before being brought to St. John's and modified in stages between around 1860 and 1920. It is located in the former Vicar's Vestry, off the chancel.

Our Team Vicar for St. John's is the Reverend Canon Tony Bundock. His previous incumbencies were in Team Ministries in the St. Albans and Leeds dioceses.

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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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COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 TODAY

Matthew Ch. 4 VV. 1 – 11



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

Colours of the Season

Ash Wednesday marked the start of the season of Lent and as a result you may have noticed that the colour of the altar frontal, falls and vestments has changed from green to purple. Purple is used by the Church to symbolise the efforts for penance and reflection.

Lent continues until Thursday of Holy Week leading up to Easter, but there will be a colour change to red for Palm Sunday, which we traditionally use with an altar frontal which contains various symbols associated with Holy Week. Some churches have rose (pink) coloured frontals and vestments for use on Laetare Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent) which is celebrated as Mothering Sunday. “Lenten Array”, which refers to a rough or homespun fabric which is either undyed or dyed drab colours can also be used. St. John’s on occasions has presented its Main Altar without a frontal in Lent to expose the beautiful wood with its cross, which otherwise is only seen after the Altar is stripped on Maundy Thursday.

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, Ron Goodearl, Phillipa King and Barnaby Woods.
- 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 and Hong Kong.
- For Comfort and mercy for the peoples of those countries, where there have been natural disasters, and for the aid agencies bringing relief. Currently we particularly pray parts of the UK affected by the recent flooding.
- For our 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.