


DIARY DATES / FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

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)	Currently on Hold	St. John's Church 
Lent Course.	Currently on Hold	Various
Lent Lunches.	Currently on Hold	Various
Palm Sunday.	Currently on Hold	St. John's Church
Holy Week Services.	Currently on Hold	St. John's Church
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APM). Our annual General meeting.	Currently on Hold	St. John's Church



Our Passiontide Altar Frontal bearing words from the Book of Common Prayer (John Ch. 3 V. 16). It also bears symbols associated with the period leading up to the Crucifixion of Jesus (Mark Roberts, 2017)

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 29th March 2020
5th Sunday of Lent
(Passiontide Begins)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The guidance the Church of England over the past couple of weeks remains current, which means that we are being advised by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to suspend holding services for the time being. This will also mean for the present postponing events such as the Lent Course, unless they can be held remotely e.g. via Skype, and the Lent Lunches.

This guidance has been backed up by the UK Government advice on 23rd March together with new C of E guidance unfortunately means that we have had to close the church for private prayer for the next few weeks at least.

We have made available a simple office for Morning Prayer for parishioners to use for private devotion during the Season of Lent in conjunction with the weekly Collect and Prayer Notes in the Pew Sheet. These are being emailed out to those whose email address we have and have agreed to receive them. Please let us know if you wish to sign up to these emails.

The Archbishops emphasise that, although our usual pattern of Sunday Services and mid-week gatherings must be put on hold, this does not mean that the Church of England has shut up shop. Being a part of the Church of England is going to look very different in the days ahead. At least for the time being, our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at Church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day. We may not be able to pray for people in the ways that we are used to, but we can certainly pray for people. And we can certainly offer practical care and support.

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COLLECT FOR 5th SUNDAY OF LENT AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel Ch. 37 VV. 1 – 14.
Romans Ch. 8 VV. 6 – 11.

John Ch. 11 V. 1 – 45.



Prayer Notes

- We pray for all parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and the souls of those who have died. We pray for those working in the NHS and Social Services who are working with the sick, the elderly and the disabled.
- We pray for those in our parish who are isolating themselves due to age or infirmity and those supporting them.
- 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.
- 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.



YOUR GIVING TO ST. JOHN'S TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION IN OUR COMMUNITY

At St John's we are very grateful to all our congregation and visitors for their kind and generous donations to the church. These donations are crucial in ensuring we can continue to operate (we don't receive any funding from the diocese to cover the cost of running the church), and the suspension of services is likely to have a very significant impact on church finances. For those donors who do not already donate by way of monthly standing order or weekly envelopes you may wish to consider either setting up a standing order or making a one-off donation.

Cheques (payable to PCC St John's Lacey Green) can be posted to our Treasurer, Caroline Gulliver, at Waterside, Bledlow Road, Princes Risborough HP27 9NG or bank transfers / standing orders set up using the following details: Account Name: Parochial Church Council of St Johns Lacey Green Account No: 72102986 Sort Code: 40-24-17.

Weekly envelopes should continue to be filled each week and handed in all together once services are resumed. Pat Rushmere will shortly be arranging the distribution new packs of giving envelopes for the approaching tax year and she can provide them if new people would like to take advantage of this system. Thank you. *Canon Tony, The Churchwardens & The PCC*