

## *This Week you are Asked to Pray For:*

- Those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Irene Foord, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ron Goodearl, Ian Goodearl, Phillipa King, Jill Baker and Sally Zeybek.
- The recently departed, may their souls rest in peace, and their families.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with
- For the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman, which have been badly affected by Covid-19.

## **FUTURE EVENTS AT ST. JOHNS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10:00 am. During the main service we will mark All Saints Day and our annual All Souls Commemoration. A list has been put in the church for people to add names of those they wish to be commemorated during the service. Please speak to Canon Tony or the Churchwardens for more details.
- 1<sup>st</sup> November. Advanced Notice that our APCM will be held. Details to follow.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 3:30 pm. Our Annual Bereavement Service at St. John's.

### **HARVEST GIFTS**

A further email from the Risborough Food Cupboard at St. Mary's Church in response to our Harvest Gifts:

*"On behalf of the Princes Risborough Food Cupboard I would like to thank the congregation of St John's Church for the generous donation of their Harvest Festival items. We are very grateful for the quantity and variety of the produce, and they will be appreciated by our customers. The Food Cupboard provides parcels of food and other essentials to about 25 families a week in the Princes Risborough area who are affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Your donations will be a great blessing to these families. With very best wishes, Roger Arthey".*

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### **SPONSORED WALKS**

Sponsorship was obtained and many family, friends and villagers generously donated funds and the total raised will of course be uplifted by Gift Aid. The target was exceeded beyond our expectations and we must express our grateful thanks for the generosity of all who helped to achieve our goal.

### **CHRISTIAN AID**

Thank you to all who donated to Christian Aid last Sunday. Envelopes are still available in church should you still wish to donate. Donations to this worthy cause form part of our 2020 Charitable Giving.

## **PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN**



**Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith**

**Week Commencing  
SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020  
FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE**



### **WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP**

You are warmly welcomed to St. John's Church, 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. The Sunday 10:00 am service in church and the 11:00 am service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony.

### **WORSHIP IN CHURCH – COVID-19 MEASURES**

Government guidance over group meetings currently remains the same. There are no changes to regular worship in churches because places of worship are considered to be "Covid-secure venues" so they are exempt from the 6 people limit for services of public worship and private prayer. However, groups inside church should not be more than 6 persons, groups should not combine and there must be social distancing between groups. So, in other words we continue to follow existing procedures.

So, the limited services at St. John's will continue, with the Said Communion services being held on Tuesdays at 9:30 am and on Sundays at 10:00 am (BST) only for those wishing to attend. The regular Sunday on-line service on Zoom will continue be held at 11:00 am (BST). Unfortunately, 8:00 am Services on Sundays continue to remain suspended.

Holy Communion will continue to be in one kind only and the 2-metre social distancing requirement will apply. Contact details of those attending will need to be recorded in a suitable notebook and details kept for 3 weeks. When attending worship in church **you must continue to wear a face mask within the church building** apart from the celebrant, those reading lessons / leading intercessions and during receipt of Holy Communion.

### **Weekly Services:**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
10:00 am	Said Communion (Common Worship)
11:00 am	On-line Morning Worship on Zoom
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
9:30 am	Said Communion (Common Worship)

## FOCUS ON... ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

St. Luke is both the author of the Gospel which bears his name and the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. He was a travelling companion of Saint Paul who describes him as the “beloved physician”. He is the patron saint of doctors and of artists. Of the four Canonical Gospels, it is the Gospel of Luke which most embodies what is sometimes called a “social gospel”, that is to say the task of serving the needs of the poorest and most deprived people in our world, whether it be within our own society or in those areas which are part of what is often referred to as the “developing world”. So it is in St. Luke’s Gospel that we find the Magnificat, the joyful song of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which affirms that the coming of the Messiah will bring down the powerful from their thrones and raise up the lowly, filling the hungry with good things and sending the rich empty away.

Two very popular Parables of Jesus appear only in St. Luke’s Gospel, the Parable of the Good Samaritan and the Parable of the Prodigal Son; through which St. Luke affirms to his readers that God is compassionate and merciful, and that no-one is ever beyond the reach of divine redemption and salvation.

Woven through the fabric of St. Luke’s Gospel, in fact, is an overriding image of Jesus as the champion of the poor and the weak, of women, and of others who held a lowly place in the society of First Century Palestine, of the sick and the needy, of prostitutes and tax-collectors, of sinners seeking salvation, the powerless and the vulnerable, all those on the margins of polite society. And all these St. Luke presents to his readers as a cavalcade of witnesses who, in Jesus, have found that God will never ever reject them or desert them. The core message which St. Luke affirms is that the Good News of divine salvation is for each of us who know only too well our need of God, as it is for everyone who seeks God and whom, in his boundless and self-sacrificial love, he will never turn away.

Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR THE FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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*.

## ZOOM SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE

This Sunday’s Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony with assistance from Graham King and start at 11:00 am BST. The hymns will be led by Cher and Gavin Mole. Other members of the congregation will be taking part. Details are being supplied in the email sending out this Pew Sheet, and are as follows:

Topic: Morning Prayer  
Time: Oct 18, 2020 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74715011698?pwd=SWVmWVVxNkhocXFNYll1clprM01MZz09>

Meeting ID: 747 1501 1698  
Passcode: 26ixKp

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## READINGS FOR THE FESTIVAL OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Isaiah Ch. 35 VV. 3 – 6  
2 Timothy Ch. 4 VV. 5 – 17

Luke Ch. 10 VV. 1 – 9.

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (INTERCESSIONS DURING THE SERVICES WILL BE LED BY JAMES NISBET)

Lord, we pray for strength and resilience to face up to the many challenges that lie ahead. Keep our hearts and minds free from anger and let us remember your commandment to love our neighbours as ourselves.

May we be thankful for our blessings and be mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves around the world at this time. Let charitable thoughts rule our hearts so that the care of others is always put before our own desires. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.