

ADVERTISEMENTS

Following the resignation of our independent examiner we are looking for someone to take up this voluntary position for the 2020 accounts and onwards. The accounts and record books are usually ready for inspection by mid-February and need to be reviewed before the APCM, usually at the end of March / beginning of April. No qualifications are required other than a sound financial understanding. If you, or anyone you know would be willing to carry out this small but essential role, then either Pat Rushmere or Caroline Gulliver would be delighted to hear from you.

ONE CAN TRUST. The (plastic) One Can Trust donation box outside the church has been removed as the last drop off day at the depot was last Friday. All donations have now been delivered & were gratefully received, so thanks for the donations which will have helped struggling families at this time. We will let you know when the service is resumed.

DOORSTEP CAROLS

A small group of ministers belonging to Churches Together in Risborough have been discussing an idea to spread the good news of Christmas this year by way of singing carols outside our front door as a way to bless our neighbours this Christmas and inviting them to join us in the carol singing. An idea that initially began at a local level has been picked up and developed by a national campaign - see details of the national campaign on <https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/>. The Churches Together in Risborough proposal is to sing the carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" outside our front doors at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Invitations with words of the carol have been distributed by email for you to use in inviting friends and neighbours to join in.

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, Jenny King, Beryl Palmer and Sally Zeybek.
- The recently departed, including Jill Baker, may their souls rest in peace. And for their families at this difficult time.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and those caring for them. For the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2020
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FOCUS ON... MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our thoughts are directed to the person of the Blessed Virgin St. Mary, who was the Mother of our Lord. To the Orthodox Churches of the East and Russia, she is called the "Theotokos", the "god-bearer". She is the greatest of the saints of the Church and Chapter 1 of St. Luke's Gospel tells us why. Mary, a young girl in so many ways innocent in the ways of the world but a faithful Jew trusting the ways of God. Asked by the angelic messenger to take on the massive task of being the mother to the Christ, the anointed one of God, she is told that "nothing will be impossible with God". With a minimum of information, without really knowing more than a fraction of what she is taking on, she simply responds "Here I am, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word". And so, for theologians, Mary is regarded as both representative of the Jewish people and as a "type" of the Church. Her example is an example for us - willing obedience to God's purposes without necessarily having anything like a detailed route map where he may be taking us. We are simply asked to rely on the promise of Jesus - "I will be with you always until the end of time". Looking back at the formative events of the faith to which we belong, we know that Mary's vocation is to suffer - a "sword will pierce your own heart too", is what she is told when her infant son is presented at the Temple in Jerusalem; the event we recall at Candlemas as the Epiphany season draws to a close at the beginning of February. We know that it is Mary's fate to stand by the Cross whilst her son suffers an excruciating and painful death. Her sorrow teaches us a vital lesson of discipleship that God in Jesus does not promise to protect us from suffering, but to protect us in suffering. So it is that we rightly give true and hearty thanks for the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and for her willing and trusting obedience to the loving purposes of God.



Canon Tony Bundock

Weekly Services:

SUNDAY	
10:00 am	Said Communion (Common Worship) (Not 27 th Dec.)
11:00 am	On-line Morning Worship with Hymns on Zoom
TUESDAY	
9:30 am	Said Communion (Common Worship)

WORSHIP IN CHURCH – COVID-19 MEASURES

Buckinghamshire has now moved into **Tier 3**, but Collective Worship is still permitted providing that the required Social Distancing and other requirements are in force:

- Groups inside church should not be more than 6 persons. Groups should not combine and there must be social distancing between groups.
- Holy Communion will continue to be in one kind only and the 2-metre social distancing requirement and hand sanitising will apply.
- Contact details of those attending will need to be recorded and 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.
- **For the Christmas Services, please ensure that you only attend services at the church which are marked as being open for congregations to attend, which this year is only the 10:00 am Service on Christmas Day.** Regrettably, all other Christmas services are on-line only. We have had to take this decision to keep our Parishioners safe.

COLLECT FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



2 Samuel Ch. 7 VV. 1 – 11 & V. 16
Romans Ch. 16 VV. 25 – 27
Luke Ch. 1 VV. 26 – 38

ZOOM SERVICE - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Sunday's Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will start at **11:00 am** GMT Details are being supplied in the email sending out this Pew Sheet, and are as follows:

Topic: Morning Prayer with Hymns
Time: Dec 20, 2020 11:00 AM London



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79406710921?pwd=Vnl1QnVOWnJsbUJCbY9EenpHVnBwUT09>
Meeting ID: 794 0671 0921
Passcode: DWjn6t

THE PRAYER CHAIN WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS SERVICES WITH ZOOM LINKS

The programme of Christmas is as follows:

- **Christmas Eve 3.30 pm. Crib Service** – an **online only** service broadcast from the church building. Zoom Link:

Topic: Crib Service
Time: Dec 24, 2020 03:30 PM London



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81179636656?pwd=WUxjRIUvS05PMFM0UjhvK1BMVGt1dz09>
Meeting ID: 811 7963 6656
Passcode: 175566

- **Christmas Eve 9.00 pm. A Service of Lessons and Carols** – an **online only** service broadcast from the church building. The Zoom Link is:

Topic: Early Midnight Service
Time: Dec 24, 2020 09:00 PM London



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84345913155?pwd=UUxhcFNZekZBdUwzMXhwcW9TR21QUT09>
Meeting ID: 843 4591 3155
Passcode: 181948

- **Christmas Morning 10.00 am Said Holy Communion – Collective Worship in church** with an outdoor carol at the end. A physical service in the church building but also broadcast to those who wish to join us online. The Zoom Link is:

Topic: Christmas Day Service
Time: Dec 25, 2020 10:00 AM London



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87826712298?pwd=YIU5b0FveHdwNThGZ0hGT3U1aIR3UT09>
Meeting ID: 878 2671 2298
Passcode: 637319

- **Sunday 27th December St. John's Day 10.00 am** – an **online only** Morning Worship service with hymns broadcast from the church building. The Zoom link is:

Topic: St John's Day Service
Time: Dec 27, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82668999855?pwd=cXFZcHlzb0luOXRXS3VYcGcxZC9WQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 6899 9855
Passcode: 901784

