

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 was removed just before Christmas. All donations have now been delivered & were gratefully received. Thank you to all who donated items which will have helped struggling families at this time. We will let you know when the collection service will be resumed.

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 27TH DECEMBER 2020

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

FOCUS ON... ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saint John the Apostle, one of the twelve Apostles, is traditionally believed to be the author of the Gospel which bears his name and identified as the "Beloved Disciple". In Christian art, his symbol is a Flying Eagle because it was believed by early Christian scholars that the Eagle was the only creature able to look directly at the sun. The Prologue to St. John's Gospel offers an eternal overview of Jesus the Logos, the divine Word of the living God and, of the Four Gospels, St. John has the most explicit statements about Christ's divine nature. So the Flying Eagle symbolises that Christians should therefore look on eternity without flinching as they journey on to union with God himself. John and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee, and Galilean fishermen. St. John's Gospel Chapter 19 testifies that, at the Crucifixion, Jesus entrusted his Mother Mary into the care of his Beloved Disciple. The traditions of the Church are that he remained in Palestine until the time eventually came for the Blessed Virgin Mary to depart this mortal world. Though some traditions claim that he took her with him to Ephesus. John himself is said to have lived to a great age, just as Jesus predicted at the resurrection appearance by the lakeside in John Chapter 21. So what is the abiding message of St. John's Gospel for us to convey to the world, as the dawning of a New Year, and what we pray will be a very much better year for the world, is just a matter of days away? Perhaps we can sum it up in just two brief quotes from St. John's Gospel. John Chapter 3 Verse 16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life". And John Chapter 13 Verses 34-35: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Canon Tony Bundock

Weekly Services:

SUNDAY

10:00 am Said Morning Worship (On Zoom Only for 27th Dec)

TUESDAY

9:30 am Said Communion (Common Worship)

WORSHIP IN CHURCH – COVID-19 MEASURES

Buckinghamshire is now in **Tier 4**, 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.** Regrettably, all other Christmas services are on-line only. We have had to take this decision to keep our Parishioners safe. The regular pattern of worship will resume after Sunday 27th December 2020.

COLLECT FOR ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth, that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, *Amen*.

READINGS FOR ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Exodus Ch. 33 VV. 7 – 11a
1 John Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 10

John Ch. 21 VV. 19b – 25.

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

(THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY JAMES NISBET)

Lord, we thank you for the blessing of Christmas and the joy that the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ brings to us all. May we reflect on the good news that our Saviour came to redeem us from our sins and give us hope for the future. We pray at this time for all the families around the world and particularly the children who remind us of the wonder we behold. Let peace and understanding prevail as we look ahead to the New Year with a renewed spirit of love. 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

MORNING WORSHIP ON THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

This Sunday's Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony from St. John's with assistance from Graham King and start at **10:00 am** GMT. Details are being supplied in the email sending out this Pew Sheet, and are as follows:

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

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O COME LET US ADORE HIM!