

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 resume.

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, 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 our own country where infection rates have been rapidly increasing in recent weeks and the health services as they work to cope with increasing numbers of hospital cases.
- For the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman including our linked parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 2021
2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

FOCUS ON... THE EPIPHANY

The journey of the Wise Men is the key focus of the Feast of the Epiphany which we celebrate on 6th January. The ageless story of the star guiding the Wise Men to Bethlehem has a timeless message of wisdom. The Wise Men, we conclude, were clearly wise in more than one sense of the word. They had studied the constellations of the stars, and they knew very well the Jewish interpretation of the ancient Scriptures. They were learned men, courageous men, prepared to act on their knowledge and to follow a strange star's movements, sure of finding something very important in the course of their journey; and, indeed, someone very important, at their journey's end. These men were wise also in regard to whom they would listen. Hearing and listening are two different things, as we know. The Wise Men heard Herod's advice and his request for them to let him know the outcome of their search. But they listened to, and heard, the divine warning in a dream and did not go back that way. They believed that they knew what they were searching for but, whether they truly realised it or not, a wonderful secret was about to be revealed to them. They were to discover a new life-inspiring wisdom by the light of the star over Bethlehem, the place where they were to discover the child who was born to be King. Their responses of joy, worship, and the offering of gifts, to this child of destiny can only begin to touch the profound awe, the indescribable life-giving secret of the star in the night sky – God's wisdom revealed with, in, and by, the Christ Child. And so, it is we see in the way that the Tableau of our Christmas Crib has changed and developed over the course of the season of Advent, and then the 12 days of Christmas, and now the season of Epiphany, that the life which entered this world on the first Christmas Day is beginning to unfold and to take a particular shape and purpose and destiny

Canon Tony Bundock

Weekly Services:

SUNDAY

10:00 am GMT Said Communion (Common Worship)

11:00 am GMT On-line Morning Worship with Hymns on Zoom

TUESDAY

9:30 am GMT 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.
- Following the scheduled Christmas services, the regular pattern of worship has now resumed and is expected to continue unless there are any changes to the Guidance from the UK Government and/or the Church of England.

COLLECT FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.

READINGS FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Jeremiah Ch. 31 VV. 7 – 14
Ephesians Ch. 1 VV. 3 – 14

John Ch. 1 VV. 1 – 18



O COME LET US ADORE HIM!

MORNING WORSHIP ON 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

This Sunday's Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony from with assistance from Graham King and 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: Jan 03, 2021 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79406710921?pwd=VnI1QnVOWnJsbUJCby9EenpHVnBwUT09>

Meeting ID: 794 0671 0921
Passcode: DWjn6t

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PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

(THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY GRAHAM KING AND WILL BE LED BY HIM AT THE 11:00 AM SERVICE)

At the start of a New Year, let us resolve to re-commit ourselves to serve our local church community; to offer our time and resources freely for the furtherance of Your Kingdom in this place.

Let us resolve to support our parish community, listening and walking alongside those around us. Let us resolve to pray earnestly for Your World and its peoples in their varying needs at this time.

And let us show Your face to those in physical, mental or spiritual need so that we can be instruments of Your love, comfort and care as we venture forward into a new year full of challenges and opportunities for service in Your name.
Amen

