

TEAM MORNING PRAYER SERVICES

From June onwards, the Risborough Team Clergy will be meeting on Wednesdays for 09:00 am Morning Prayer in turn at our respective churches. Venues for June are 2nd at St. Dunstan's, 9th at St. John's, 16th at Holy Trinity Bledlow, 23rd at St. Mary's and 30th at St. Dunstan's. These are public services open to all to attend.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCHYARD MOWING ROTA

Volunteers requested please for the Churchyard Mowing Rota which Ken Brazier has kindly agreed to compile. Further details from Ken or the Wardens.

ONE CAN TRUST



The One Can donation box is outside the Church so that we can continue to make our gifts to this worthy cause. Caroline will continue to take what has been collected on our behalf and deliver it to the main collection centre. Thanks very much to everyone who continues to support this cause. Please see the One Can Trust Web Site (www.onecantrust.org.uk) for further details on the scheme and current urgent needs.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 23RD MAY 2021
PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY)

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. Our Sunday services will be led by our Vicar, Canon Tony.

WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

We have now resumed in-church worship on Sundays and Tuesdays using the same pattern of worship used before the third National Lockdown. We will be continuing to hold an on-line service on Zoom, but this has reverted to 11:00 am. So, the pattern of services going forward will be as follows:

- Sundays – 10:00 am – In-church Said Parish Communion Service.
- Sundays – 11:00 am – On-line Morning Worship with Hymns (Zoom).
- Tuesdays – 09:30 am – In-church Said Parish Communion Service.

For the in-church services, Holy Communion will 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:

SUNDAY	
10:00 am	In-church Said Parish Communion Service
11:00 am	On-line Morning Worship with Hymns on Zoom
TUESDAY	
9:30 am	In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON... PENTECOST

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church. It is the anniversary commemoration of the episode when the disciples of Jesus are said in Acts Chapter 2 to have first been fired up with the Holy Spirit. In Christian art, Pentecost is often depicted by the disciples being pictured with tongues of flame above their heads, almost like birthday candles. And in Christian spirituality, fire represents both the complete surrender of oneself to God in terms of the offering of a living sacrifice; and also the dynamic energy of the Spirit, a God who can never be controlled and whose purposes are, in the final analysis, irresistible. In fact, openness to this divine spark may very well turn us into something new: perhaps prophets, dreamers, even visionaries. As the Book of Ezekiel, one of the great prophets of the Babylonian Exile, promises "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh". And, as the Prophet Joel proclaimed, when God's spirit is poured out, the old dream dreams, the young have visions. The events of Pentecost teach us that even the tiniest chink of openness to the Spirit can enable us to do things we never believed we could, help us to be strong in adversity, to weather storms of great devastation, sustain us in the darkest hour, and uphold us in the deepest sorrow. And even, it seems, to enable us to communicate and share the fullness of the love of God not just with people such as ourselves but also with people who are very different to ourselves. This, indeed, is why the Church was born and brought into being; in order to proclaim who is really in control of the world's destiny, our saving God, and to participate and share in His mission in the world. Like the Apostles before us, we too, with our various though complementary gifts, can together make God known and enable His kingdom to be revealed in all its fullness.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR PENTECOST

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.



READINGS FOR PENTECOST

Ezekiel Ch. 37 VV. 1 – 14
Acts. Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 21

John Ch. 15 VV. 26 – 27 & Ch. 16 VV. 4b – 15

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY PAT RUSHMERE)



Living God, thank You for the surpassing greatness of Your power to us who believe. Because You came to dwell in us on Pentecost, we have Your mighty strength with which You raised Christ from the dead. Strengthen us in our inner being, so that we can know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST

This Sunday's Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony. Details are as below and will be included in the covering email:

Topic: Morning Prayer with Hymn
Time: May 23, 2021 **11:00 AM** London



Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71875316020?pwd=WFhDQXlzaXJlZCtUMWVs1RktDaEILdz09>
Meeting ID: 718 7531 6020 Passcode: 2TZ6D8

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, Sally Zeybek and Doug Tilbury.
- The recently departed, may their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families and friends 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. Particularly praying for India where infection rates are very high and the hospitals are struggling to cope. We give thanks that in our own country infection rates and the number of people in hospital with Covid-19 are falling, due to the success of the vaccination programme.
- 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.