

NOTICES

Lighthouse 2021

There will not be a traditional Lighthouse week this year but there is the Lighthouse Party in the Park this coming Sunday (25th July 2021) 2.45pm to 5pm on the King George V Playing Field. Those attending should bring a picnic blanket, own food and drink, family and friends (see attached poster)



Team Morning Prayer Services

The Risborough Team Clergy continue to meet on Wednesdays for 08:45 am Morning Prayer in turn at our respective churches during July 2021. These are public services open to all to attend. The last service during July will be on 28th July at St. Mary's.

Request For Assistance

Does anyone have an unwanted battery driven strimmer that could be used for the plot in the Churchyard for cremated remains please? If you do, please let either Canon Tony or the Churchwardens know if you are able to help. Thank you.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 25th JULY 2021
FESTIVAL OF ST. JAMES

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. This Sunday our Services will be led by Canon Tony.

WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S - UPDATED

Following the lifting of most remaining Lockdown restrictions, on 20th July, the PC Standing Committee have agreed to the following changes to worship at St. John's for the immediate future:

- Although no longer legally required, we request that, for the time being due to rising Covid-19 infection rates, the congregation do continue to wear masks in Church, maintain social distancing and sanitise their hands.
- The choir will resume singing in Church from this Sunday onwards. The congregation are invited to join in the singing of hymns but are requested to do so wearing their masks.
- Holy Communion will continue in one kind only for the time being and will be administered from the area in front of the chancel step (as we have been doing during lockdown).
- The Peace will continue for the time being to be observed discreetly and following social distancing protocols.
- The congregation are asked to observe social distancing as far as possible and the Lady Chapel area will be set aside as a mandatory social distancing area for those who feel they need to socially distance themselves from others. Please respect this.

Weekly Services:

SUNDAY (THIS WEEK)

- 10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns
- 11:00 am On-line Morning Worship with Hymns on Zoom

TUESDAY

- 9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON... SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

On 25th July, the Church commemorates the Festival of Saint James the Great who was called together with his brother, Saint John the Evangelist, from their work as fishermen to be among the twelve Apostles. In the Church calendar, a Festival customarily takes precedence over the Sunday Lectionary.

The Gospel testimony is that, in his enthusiasm for Jesus, James was very quick to ask to drink the cup and accept the same "baptism" as the Lord. It seems that, with his brother John, he was seeking a special place in the Kingdom; at the behest of their mother, seeking to sit at Jesus' right hand. Jesus did not rebuke James. He gently encouraged him to discover where true glory lies. Because it is in perseverance in goodness that true glory lies. In being faithful to all that is good and true and loving, when all around you is breaking into violence or despair – that is the glory that the world needs to see and experience. In the event, James did indeed drink the same cup and accept the same "baptism" as Jesus for the Book of Acts tells us of his execution through being beheaded on the orders of King Herod Agrippa I; and James was therefore the first of the Apostles to be martyred.

The lesson that James had learned from his Lord and Master is that true glory lies in loving even those who are your enemies. There is no thinking more creative than that. It creates a new world. It destroys old enmities. It brings us to peace. It is a huge, some might say near impossible, challenge to achieve but it is the only thing that can ever make sense in the context of the tragic madness of unchecked and random violence. This is the discovery that James had to make in order to know the true glory at the heart of the Kingdom of God. Let us pray we too, whatever our circumstances and context, may be instruments of God's love and peace and justice

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

Merciful God, whose holy apostle St. James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ, and followed him even to death, help us, forsaking the false attractions of this world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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*.



READINGS FOR ST. JAMES

Jeremiah Ch. 45 VV. 1 – 5
Acts Ch. 11 V. 27 – Ch. 12 V. 2

Matthew Ch. 20 VV. 20 – 28

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



We thank you, heavenly Father, for the gift of your Holy Spirit among us as we pray to you now. God of wisdom and understanding, be with your Church as we seek to understand your purpose and will. Nurture and tend all new to faith and by your Holy Spirit, bring to fruition the seed of your word. Heavenly Father as the pandemic restrictions are being lifted; larger numbers of our nation are returning to work, and leisure facilities are opening up to the wider community, we pray that the guidelines set down by the Government will be followed, and that individuals will act responsibly, for the safety of all, 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

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit, strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love: through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR TRINITY 8

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

Topic: Morning Prayer with Hymns
Time: Jul 25, 2021, **11:00 AM** London



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72067152968?pwd=MjlyNUttMDQ2UE11MXpPcW9WMMjdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 720 6715 2968 Passcode: 1cZ7Fb

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, Doug Tilbury, Margaret Karstens (St. Mary's Kuruman) and Don White.
- 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 countries where infection rates are very high and the hospitals are struggling to cope. We pray that the rising infection rates in this country due to the Delta variant will reduce and that people will come forward to receive their vaccine doses.
- 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.