

NOTICES

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. These are public services open to all to attend. Upcoming services over the next few weeks are:

- 25th August – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.
- 1st September – St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough.
- 8th September – St. John's, Lacey Green.

GARDEN PARTY

Afternoon Tea with music. Tickets now available for this event at Lane Farm in Church Lane on Saturday 18th September at 3pm. Proceeds in aid of Samuel Green pipe organ fund. Advance tickets £8 adults, £4 juniors (on the door £10 and £5). Please bring a chair. Donations of prizes for the raffle very gratefully received please.

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 22ND AUGUST 2021
12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

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

- 8:00 am In-church Said BCP Communion Service (1st & 3rd Sun)
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns
11:00 am *No Zoom Services during August.*

TUESDAY

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

FOCUS ON... HOLY BAPTISM

Essentially, the Order for Christian Baptism consists of five elements. First of all, there are the promises of faith which candidates make, or in the case of an infant promises made on their behalf by their parents and godparents. Secondly, there is the sign of the Cross which we make on the forehead of the person being Baptised. The Cross speaks to us of the divine response to overcoming evil and of the deep mystery of human suffering. It affirms God's promise that he is always with us even in those darkest times when we feel deserted and alone. Thirdly, there is of course the Baptism with water. We are told that, when life on earth began some 20 million years ago, or thereabouts, it began in the primaevael oceans which, once upon a time, covered our entire planet. And so, the water of Baptism speaks to us of creation, and of new birth and regeneration. Water speaks to us, too, of washing and cleansing; and of God's pledge that whatever wrong things we may do as our lives unfold can be washed away by God's grace whenever we turn to him in faith. Fourthly, there is the act of welcome by which the newly Baptised person is welcomed into the world-wide universal family of the Church. When we are Baptised, we are united with countless generations of faithful Christians who have lived by the Christian faith over very many centuries. We are united, too, with the whole world-wide family of the Church in today's world seeking to live out the Christian life, as well as with the local community of faith. Fifthly, there is the giving of a lighted candle. A candle lit from the great Easter Paschal candle given to the person who is Baptised, or their sponsors in the case of an infant. The candle represents the light of Christ, and it is a symbol of our Resurrection Easter faith by which we believe that the journey of faith which begins in this world will one day continue in the joy and the glory of the Resurrection Kingdom which is to come.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Joshua Ch. 24 VV. 1 – 2a & VV. 14 – 18
Ephesians Ch. 6 VV. 10 – 20

John Ch. 6 VV. 56 – 69

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY MARK ROBERTS)



Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, I praise and thank You with my whole being that I was baptised into the body of Christ when I was born into the family of God. Thank You for the wonderful opportunity to declare my new-found faith in Christ and my new life in Him, by going down into the waters of baptism as an outward sign of death, and coming up out of the waters as an outward sign of the inward change that took place in me at my rebirth. 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 evermore. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR TRINITY 12

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ON-LINE SERVICES – AUGUST 2021

With many people taking holidays, it has been decided that the On-Line Zoom services will be suspended during August 2021.

This Week you are Asked to Pray for:

- We pray for those being Baptised today as they start their Christian journeys.
- 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.