

# 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:

- 8<sup>th</sup> September – St. John's, Lacey Green.
- 15<sup>th</sup> September – Holy Trinity, Bledlow.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> September – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.
- 29<sup>th</sup> September – St. Peter's, Owlswick.

## GARDEN PARTY

Afternoon Tea with music. Tickets now available for this event at Lane Farm in Church Lane on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> 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 Service will be led by Canon Tony.

## WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

Following the lifting of most remaining Lockdown restrictions, on 20<sup>th</sup> July, the PCC 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun)
- 09:00 am Said Morning Prayer on Zoom
- 10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

#### TUESDAY

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

## FOCUS ON... WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

It became fashionable in Christian circles, a few years or so ago, to wear a plastic bracelet with the initials "WWJD" on it. The letters represent the phrase "What Would Jesus Do?" In other words, how would Jesus respond when engaging with any sort of ethical dilemma or pastoral need? However, we do need to recognise that Jesus so often surprised people with his words and actions. Jesus had a capacity for shocking his followers and onlookers, and for doing and saying what was unexpected. In addition, the situations in which we can find ourselves in the twenty-first century bear very scant resemblance to those in which we see Jesus in the Scriptures. So the basic idea behind asking "WWJD" is a very good one, then, but the execution of it in practice is not always so easy as we would wish it to be. One approach might be to look at how Jesus engaged with people and situations in his own time and distil some general principles from this analysis. Chapter 7 of St. Mark's Gospel reading provides two excellent pastoral examples; two startling encounters that Jesus has with people who are not part of his regular group of followers. The first of these is a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman, whose daughter is sick. She asks Jesus for help but, initially, he refuses. Seeing her faith, however, he relents and responds with humility, telling her that her beloved daughter is healed. The second encounter is with a man from the region of the Decapolis – an area where Gentiles were in the majority and looked upon with disdain by the more orthodox religious authorities in places such as Jerusalem. People bring to Jesus a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. With immense sensitivity Jesus takes him away from the crowd and the noise to a quiet and private place in order to heal him. If we too act with humility and sensitivity, then, it will help us to answer the question "What Would Jesus Do?" in the ethical and pastoral challenges that we face as we live out our own life of faith.

Canon Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Isaiah Ch. 35 VV. 4 – 7a  
James Ch. 2 VV. 1 – 17

Mark Ch. 7 VV. 24 – 37

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



Lord of all, breathe through us your all-enfolding acceptance and grace that, being transformed by your holy purpose for us, we may accept with humility, respect with sincerity and love with tenacity all those with whom we are called into your fellowship. In the name of Christ, who forgives, heals and unites us. 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 14

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR TRINITY 14

On-line Morning Worship Services on Zoom are resuming during September 2021. This will be a Said Service at the new time of 9:00 am. Details are as below and will be included in the covering email:

Topic: Sunday Morning Prayer

Time: SEP 05, 2021, **9:00 AM** London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79563055587?pwd=WE1LZ3k2UUhpTHNkZlRZZnpuJdkt3QT09>

Meeting ID: 795 6305 5587

Passcode: i9s4Y2



## *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 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.