

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:

- 15th September – St. John's, Lacey Green – *Note Change in Venue.*
- 22nd September – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough.
- 29th 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 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 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021
15TH 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 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 Covid-19 infection rates remaining high, that the congregation do continue to wear masks in Church, maintain social distancing and sanitise their hands.
- The choir has resumed singing in Church during the main Sunday service. 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)
- 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... WHO IS JESUS FOR US?

In Chapter 9 of Saint Mark's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples who people are saying that he is. The crowds do realise that here is someone important – someone from God – but the best that they can do is assume that he is somehow a reincarnated John the Baptist, or Elijah, or a prophet. Jesus asks the disciples who they say he is, and Peter makes his famous declaration, "You are the Messiah." It feels as if Peter has just realised this truth before his mind has even processed what it means. Jesus goes on to teach his followers about the death that he must suffer, and his resurrection after three days. When Peter rebukes him, he begins to talk about the potential consequences of following him – self-denial, losing one's life by setting out to save it, but saving it by losing it. What? It sounds very confusing – and frightening – and probably not at all what Peter and the other disciples had supposed that they had signed up for. Jesus goes on to explain what this Messiahship means, for himself and for his followers. It is not an easy path and often counterintuitive. The Messiah, the chosen one of God, will lose his life? For Peter and the other people of First Century Judaea, that simply did not fit with the expectation of Messiahship at that time. It is indeed hard to interpret this very challenging idea of losing one's life; and to hear the strange and paradoxical conclusion that in losing it, one saves it. But such a radical change of perspective does, in fact, enable us to recognise who it is we really are. We no longer have to struggle with seeking to establish our own identity, or indeed the identity of other people. Like Peter, our own confession that Jesus is indeed the Messiah, the Saviour of the World, allows the truth about ourselves and God's kingdom to become, suddenly, crystal clear. We can turn from the small considerations and work for the greatest of goals, safe in the knowledge of who it is we ourselves really are, children of the living God. And thus we are able to be true to ourselves and true to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Isaiah Ch. 50 VV. 4 – 9a
James Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 12

Mark Ch. 8 VV. 27 – 38

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

(THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY JUNE BRAZIER)



Heavenly Father, we pray for healing for the whole world, and especially all areas of conflict and oppression. Let your Peace and loving Presence be with those people who are suffering. We pray for the sick, the needy, the homeless, and for those who have lost their way. We ask that the Holy Spirit will heal and protect them whilst guiding them into peaceful circumstances. We thank you for your Son Jesus, and for the fact that You walk beside us, and surround us every day of our lives. 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 15

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ON-LINE MORNING WORSHIP FOR TRINITY 15

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 12, 2021, **9:00 AM** London
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79563055587?pwd=WE1LZ3k2UUhpTHNkZIRZZnpJdkt3QT09>

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.