

# 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:

- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Holy Trinity, Bledlow.
- 27<sup>th</sup> October – St. Mary's, Princes Risborough

## ON-LINE SERVICES

For the present it has been agreed that we will be suspending holding on-line services on Zoom on a regular basis. It has been decided that over the next couple of months, an On-line Evening Prayer Service will be held on Zoom on the First Sunday of the Month at 6:00 pm. This follows holding an Evening Prayer Service to celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, which seemed to work better for people attending compared to the On-line Morning Prayer on Sundays during September at 9:00 am. The PCC will keep this under review for future months to determine the need for broadcasted services for the congregation either on a regular basis or for Special Services. The review will also take into account the evolving situation with regard to Covid-19.

**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 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021  
**20<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 Services 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 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun)  
10:00 am In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

#### TUESDAY

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

## FOCUS ON ..... SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

Last Friday, 15th October, was the feast-day of Saint Teresa who was born in 1515 in Avila in Spain; her parents being of a noble family and devoted Christians. Together with Saint Catherine of Sienna, she was one of the first two women ever to be officially declared Doctors of the Church. Her Mother died in 1529, and at the age of 20 she overcame opposition from her Father to become a nun at the Convent of the Incarnation in her native Avila. It has been said that she became a nun with determination but not enthusiasm; and that she could not bear the thought of leaving her family. At first, she suffered several bouts of ill-health; but she persevered, and, in time, she began to make deep progress in contemplation. As the years passed, she received a number of mystical experiences including what has been described as a remarkable mystical piercing of her heart by a spear of divine love. In middle-age, she resolved to found a convent under the original and strict form of the Carmelite rule. After a number of setbacks, St. Joseph's at Avila was opened in 1562, the first house of reformed or "discalced" (barefooted) Carmelites. During the next 20 years, she travelled around Spain, founding some 17 convents, often in conditions of significant hardship. The reforms she introduced spread to the men of the Order, outstanding among their leaders being Saint John of the Cross. It has been said that Saint Teresa of Avila represents a classical example of someone who combined the life of religious contemplation with common-sense efficiency and activity in practical matters. The most important of her extensive writings are said to be her Life of herself written up to 1562 and at the request of her confessors; the Way of Perfection written to instruct her nuns; the Book of Foundations; and The Interior Castle. Hers was a strange and troubled life in many ways but it has had a tremendous influence, both in her own time and ever since.

Canon Tony Bundock

## COLLECT FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 24B)

Isaiah Ch. 53 VV. 4 – 12  
Hebrews Ch. 5 VV. 1 – 10

Mark Ch. 10 VV. 35 – 45

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (THIS SUNDAY THE INTERCESSIONS WILL BE LED BY JUNE BRAZIER)



Heavenly Father, we thank you for your protection and guidance in all we do.

As you faithfully listen to our prayers, help us to listen to your answers and act accordingly. Inspire all World leaders to encourage all in the regeneration of our Planet.

Send compassion and healing to the weak and needy, and inspire the strong to give aid wherever necessary. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. 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 20

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## *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, Beryl Palmer, Sally Zeybek, Doug Tilbury, Margaret Karstens, Don White and Stuart Richards.
- 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.
- 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.

