

# 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:

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Online Shorter form of BCP Evening Prayer with Hymns – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 pm.
- Coffee Morning with Stalls in the Village Hall – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.
- Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 10:00 am Parish Communion with Act of Remembrance.
- Bereavement Service – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3:00 pm.
- Christmas Tree Festival in Church – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon to 3:00 pm (ending with Christingle service at 3:00 pm).

**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 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021**  
**LAST 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 and Graham King.

## WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

Following the lifting of most remaining Lockdown restrictions, on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (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 ..... BIBLE SUNDAY

**T**he Bible continues to be a best seller and is certainly still the best-read book in the world. The Bible has now been translated into over 1500 languages. The Old Testament covers a period of more than a thousand years before the birth of Christ. The writings of the Old Testament were largely in classical Hebrew and were originally recorded on clay baked tablets, and later on papyrus scrolls. The oldest books of the Old Testament were written down in around the 8th century BC which is about the time of David and Solomon. However, this older material dates back much further than that and was passed on by oral tradition around the campfires of the Hebrew people for many hundreds of years before it was written down. The New Testament was written in the first century or so after Christ. It consists of the four Gospels; the Book of the Acts of the Apostles; 21 pastoral letters written, in the main, to various newly-planted churches; plus the Book of Revelation or the Apocalypse as it is known to Roman Catholics. The books of the Apocrypha are included in Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Bibles but not in the Protestant Bibles. These Books of the Apocrypha were written by Jewish writers in Greek rather than Hebrew; and they are regarded as inter-testamental; filling the gap between the last writings of the Old Testament (in the 2nd century BC) and the first Christian writings of the New Testament. The Bible is a collection of history, poetry, drama, prophecy, law, philosophy and many other things besides. However, it is important to realise that it is primarily theology. For Christians, the Bible is pre-eminently a record of "salvation history", the testimony to God's saving work pre-figured in the Old Testament and supremely disclosed in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. This is the reason why the four Gospels are treated with special reverence in our Eucharistic worship because they are a direct record of the life and teaching of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.



## READINGS FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 25B)

Jeremiah Ch. 31 VV. 7 – 9  
Hebrews Ch. 7 VV. 23 – 28

Mark Ch. 10 VV. 46 – 52

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



Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Word. Your Word is the light we see, a guide for our footsteps to where you are found. Your Word is the strength we find when darkness threatens to overwhelm.

Your Word is the power we need to become servants of a Heavenly King. Your Word is the reason we live in the sure knowledge you are everything. 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 THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever, 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, Stuart Richards and John Roberts.
- 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.

