

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Online Shorter form of BCP EVENING PRAYER with Hymns	Sunday 6th March (6:00 pm)	On Zoom
LENT COURSE Session 1	Tuesday 8th March (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
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Meeting of the PCC Standing Committee	Tuesday 8 th March (7:30 pm)	TBC
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 9 th March (8:45 am)	St. John's Lacey, Green
LENT COURSE Session 2	Tuesday 15th March (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 16 th March (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity, Bledlow
LENT COURSE Session 3	Tuesday 22 nd March (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 23 rd March (8:45 am)	St. Mary's, Princes Risborough

UKRAINE CRISIS

Donations to the Unicef appeal for help for the children of Ukraine can be made by telephoning 0300 330 5699 or by post to Freepost RTZU-CHYK-BHJC Unicef UK, Ukraine Appeal, 1 Westfield Avenue, London E20 1HZ. Alternatively, donations may be made to UK Aid through the Disasters Emergency Committee by texting "TIMES" to "70150" or telephoning 0370 6060 900 or by post to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, P.O. Box 999, London EC3A 3AA – donations through this appeal will be match-funded by the UK Government up to £20 million. There is a collection plate in Church for cash donations which will be forwarded on your behalf. Rotary International are appealing for medical supplies but also for blankets, mittens, knee pads, and warm socks which are to be transported by vehicle from Maidstone, and also for mother and baby supplies which will be sent through the Polish community in Banbury. We will arrange for donations of this kind to reach the appropriate dispatch point. Thank you.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 2022
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 the 10:00 am service will be led by Canon Tony.

WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

- Wearing masks in church, is requested apart from for the choir when singing, for those leading worship and during actual receipt of Holy Communion. The congregation are requested to wear masks when moving around in Church, maintain social distancing and sanitise their hands.
- We are proposing to have both the Old Testament and Epistle Lessons during 10:00 am Sunday services from the beginning of March (excl. 1st Sunday of the Month).
- Singing of hymns in Church during the sung services will continue. The congregation can continue to join in the singing of hymns, but 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. We are proposing to offer, for those who wish it, hosts intincted by the Celebrant at the 10:00 am Sunday services from early March.
- 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.
- We are proposing to serve coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays from the beginning of March.

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

TUESDAY

9:30 am In-church Said Parish Communion Service

FOCUS ON..... THE LENTEN JOURNEY

It is very widely acknowledged that the origins of the keeping of the Lent lie in a period of preparation and instruction of candidates for Baptism at the great festival of Easter. From the Festal Letters of Athanasius, dated to the 4th century, it is evident that Lent had by then become a well-established season which, although at first organised primarily as a form of discipline for Baptismal candidates and for those being restored to the fellowship of the Church after falling away through sin, was by that time expected to be observed by all Church members as a spiritual and devotional exercise marked by penitence expressed in prayer, fasting, and alms-giving for those in need. The popular practice of "giving things up" in Lent finds liturgical expression in the stark simplicity of Lenten worship. In part this is to express a spirit of penitence. But it is also in order to provide a striking contrast with the joyful celebration of Easter. This "giving up" traditionally includes the omission of the Gloria in Excelsis at the Eucharist, the absence of flowers in Church, the more restrained choices of hymns and Church music to accompany worship, and the avoidance of texts and hymns which include the word "Alleluia" and similar expression of joy which will greet the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Day. It is said that "priest and people must aim at an austerity that is quite different from dreariness". The Lenten Journey embraces a solemn remembrance of the 40 days that our Lord was fasting in the wilderness and grappling with temptation; but it is more especially a period of 6 weeks of penitence and preparation for the celebration of Easter. And so Lent is therefore a time for self-examination and self-denial, for fresh effort in meditation and study of God's Holy Word, and for renewed emphasis on Christian charity to those in need, as we prepare for the Christian Passover, the Easter celebration of the deep mysteries of our resurrection faith.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy Ch. 26 VV. 1 – 11

Romans Ch. 10 VV. 8b – 13

Luke Ch. 4 VV. 1 – 13

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS

(This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by MARK ROBERTS)



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of
your mouth; 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: Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ian Goodearl, Phillipa King, Sally Zeybek, Doug Tilbury, Don White, Pat Syrett, Sally Smith and Marina Eldridge. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed including Winifred Eyett and Ron Goodearl. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families, including Charlotte Burton and Beryl Goodearl, and friends at this difficult time.
- Kelly Safaris Silva and her family who are currently in need at this time.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine.
- We pray for the people of the Tongan archipelago following the recent major volcanic eruption and tsunami and for the various aid organisations bringing relief to its people.
- We pray for those in this country affected by the recent Storm Eunice.
- 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.