

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
LENT COURSE Session 3	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup> March (8:45 am)	St. Mary's, Princes Risborough
LENT COURSE Session 4	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup> March (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough (TBC)
Spring Coffee Morning / Craft Fayre	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Lacey Green Village Hall
Online Shorter form of BCP EVENING PRAYER with Hymns	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (6:00 pm)	On Zoom
PCC Committee Meeting	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April (7:30 pm)	TBC
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	TBC

## 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 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> 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.

## 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.
- From Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March we will resume having both the Old Testament and Epistle Lessons read during 10:00 am Sunday services (excl. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 now offering, for those who wish it, hosts intincted by the Celebrant at all Communion Services.
- 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.
- Where possible we will be serving coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays.

### Weekly Services:

#### SUNDAY

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| 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

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| 9:30 am | In-church Said Parish Communion Service |
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# FOCUS ON... SAINT PATRICK

Saint Patrick, whose feast-day falls on 17<sup>th</sup> March, is Patron Saint of Ireland together with Saint Brigid and Saint Columba. He was born in Roman Britain, probably in the area now known as Cumbria, though Scotland and Wales are other possibilities. What is known about his life largely comes from two documents which are regarded as authentically his work – the Declaration and the Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus. He was around 16 years of age when he was captured by Irish raiders and enslaved for some six years. He escaped and, after various adventures and travels, returned to his family. Some sources claim that he spent some time in Gaul, notably at the great island monastery of Lerins, but this is disputed. He was consecrated as a Bishop and returned to Ireland, with the most commonly accepted view suggesting that this was in 432AD, a year following the mission of Bishop Palladius who later continued his own missionary activities in Scotland. It is acknowledged that Ireland, in the period of history known as the “Dark Ages”, was deeply rural and said to be divided into some 150 or more “Tuaths” or tribal groups, each with its own king or chieftain, and the High King located at Tara. It was beyond the boundary of the Roman Empire, and, from an Indo-European perspective, on the edge of the known world. Although it does seem that Patrick was by no means the first missionary to Ireland, the author J. B. Bury affirms his importance as a key figure in the origins of the Church of Ireland and says of Patrick that he (1) organised the Christianity that already existed, (2) converted kingdoms which were still pagan, especially in the west, (3) brought Ireland into association with the Church of the Roman Empire, making Ireland formally part of universal Christendom.

*Canon Tony Bundock*

## COLLECT FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah Ch. 55 VV. 1 – 9  
1 Corinthians Ch. 10 VV. 1 – 13

Luke Ch. 13 VV. 1 – 9

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS (This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by PAT RUSHMERE)



Lord of life, truth and grace bring all creation to delight in your peace. Spirit of truth, come to your Church. Fill us with love for the Father and the Son and in line with Christian teachings of faith, hope and love let us all be guided to help one another. Spirit of truth come to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. We pray especially for the people of the Ukraine, who are surviving under unacceptable devastation of their Country, and pray that this war will be brought to an end. We pray for a world damaged by the Coronavirus pandemic. We pray for the safety and protection of all key workers, in the NHS and elsewhere, and for the children, the young people, the elderly and the vulnerable.

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 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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, Marina Eldridge and Marcus Barthropp. 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 give thanks for the release of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori from imprisonment in Iran.
- 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.