

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Online Shorter form of BCP EVENING PRAYER with Hymns	Sunday 3 rd April (6:00 pm)	On Zoom
LENT COURSE Session 5	Tuesday 5 th April (2:30 pm)	The Vicarage
PCC Committee Meeting	Tuesday 5 th April (7:30 pm)	TBC
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 6 th April (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
Palm Sunday	Sunday 10 th April (08:00 am & 10:00 am)	St. John's Church
Monday of Holy Week Compline	11 th April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Tuesday of Holy Week Compline	12 th April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 13 th April (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Wednesday of Holy Week Compline	13 th April (7:00 pm)	St. John's Church
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Sunday 15 th 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 3RD APRIL 2022
PASSION SUNDAY
(5TH 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. We welcome the family and friends of Leo Michael Francis Doolan who is being Baptised during our 10:00 am service today.

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.
- 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

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... PASSION SUNDAY

In the 16th Century, the Fifth Sunday of Lent became known as Passion Sunday; and it marks the beginning of the season that the Church calls Passiontide. The season of Passiontide, then, is a name for the last two weeks of Lent, beginning on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and continuing through what is known in the Orthodox Churches as Lazarus Saturday, on the eve of Palm Sunday. The second week of Passiontide is Holy Week, ending on Holy Saturday, the eve of Easter Day. The name Passiontide, then, refers to the last two weeks of Lent. According to Cyril of Scythopolis, during this time the eremitic monks of the East, who had chosen the desert for a more severe mode of life through self-denial, returned to their monasteries, in readiness for the keeping for the observance of the great Paschal Festival. In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed Passiontide from the Novus Ordo, but it is still observed in the extraordinary Form, the Personal Ordinariates, the Anglican Communion, and by Lutherans, Christians use the word "passion" to describe the suffering endured by Jesus during the last few days of his life, and especially the Crucifixion. Indeed, although the English word passion is more usually associated with the idea of strong emotions, its usage in this context stems from the Latin word passio which means "suffering". The name Passion Sunday was derived from the readings traditionally read on this day, drawing parallels between ancient practice of animal sacrifice in the Temple at Jerusalem and the sacrificial offering of Jesus both as priest and victim (see Hebrews 9:12-15). During Passiontide and the closing weeks of Lent, then, our thoughts are more focused on the last days of the earthly ministry of Jesus. For the first four weeks of Lent, Christian worshippers are encouraged to reflect on our own relationship with God. By contrast, Passiontide church services encourage us to meditate more directly on the Passion story, as told in the Canonical Gospels.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah Ch. 43 VV. 16 – 21
Philippians Ch. 3 VV. 4b – 14

John Ch. 12 VV. 1 – 8

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER (This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by JAMES NISBET)



God of mercy, you gave us new life through baptism - make us grow day by day in your likeness.

May our generosity today bring joy to those in need across this troubled world. Help us to do what is good, right and true in your sight and to seek you always with undivided hearts. Forgive our sins against the unity of your family and make us one in heart and spirit.

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 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, 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: 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.
- For Leo Michael Francis Doolan who is being Baptised today and his family and friends.
- We pray for countries where there have been natural disasters, for their peoples and for the various aid organisations bringing relief.
- 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.