

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 27 th April (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
Meeting of the PCC Standing Committee	Wednesday 11 th May (CHANGE IN DATE) (7:30 pm)	TBC
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Sunday 15 th May	St. John's Church
"Jazz from the Musicals Show" Gavin Mole and singer Gary Bland will present a pilot performance of a new one-hour show which will be debuting in London later in the year. Come and celebrate with us in style with such songs as Luck Be A Lady, A Foggy Day, Strike Up The Band and many more well- known favourites. Tickets are only £10. Profits will go to St John's Church and to support our Ukrainian friends.	Saturday 4 th June (7:00 pm) (Tickets include Refreshments Afterwards)	St. John's Church

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 24TH APRIL 2022
**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(LOW SUNDAY)**

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.
- 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.
- The Sidesmen have resumed taking a Collection during the Offertory Hymn. Alternatively, offerings can be left in the jar at the back of the Church.

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...LOW SUNDAY

The Sunday following Easter Day is called "Low Sunday" and it is the last day of the Easter octave, the word "octave" in this context being an eight-day period defined by a festival and the seven days following it. In early Christian times the Sunday after Easter marked the end of the ceremonies surrounding Baptisms at Easter. This was a time in which many Christian converts were Baptised at the Easter Vigil service and thus our renewal of Baptismal vows at the Vigil service is an echo of this early Church practice. After their Baptism at Easter, these converts were dressed in white robes to symbolize their joy and their new membership of the Christian community. In the week following Easter Day they would wear their white robes whenever they visited the Church. On the Sunday following Easter they wore the white robes for the last time. After, the service had ended, they returned their white robes and began their role as ordinary full members of the congregation. With the passing of time, more and more people were Baptised on days other than Easter and so many of the Baptismal customs associated with Easter faded. But in Western Europe the Sunday after Easter continued for a long time to be known as *Dominica in albis*, a Latin phrase meaning "Sunday in albs" or "Alb Sunday"; referring to the white robes worn by the newly Baptised, and so the phrase is sometimes translated as "White Sunday". The day has also been known as "Quasimodo Sunday" after the Latin phrase of the Introit for the Church services on that day, which was *Quasi modo geniti*, meaning "As newborn babes" (see First Epistle of Peter Chapter 2 Verse 2). Nowadays the Sunday after Easter is more widely known as "Low Sunday". Many scholars believe this name evolved from the phrase "Laud Sunday", the word "Laud" in Latin meaning "praise". Others suggest that it might have developed from "Close Sunday", a name which refers to the close of the Easter Week festivities!

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Exodus Ch. 14 VV. 10 – 31
Acts Ch. 5 VV. 27 – 32

John Ch. 20 VV. 19 – 31

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER

(This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by GRAHAM KING)



Risen Lord, who on the first Easter Day drew near to your two disciples on the Emmaus road, and at evening stayed with them in their home, be our unseen companion along the daily journey of our life and at the ending of the day, come and abide with us in our homes, for your love's sake.

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 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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, Sally Zeybek, Doug Tilbury, Don White, Pat Syrett, Sally Smith, Marina Eldridge and Marcus Barthropp. Also, Margaret Karstens of Kuruman.
- The recently departed including Phillipa King. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families, including Stuart and Lila King, their family and friends at this difficult time.
- Kelly Safaris Silva and her family who are currently in need at this time.
- We pray for countries where there have been natural disasters, for their peoples and for the various aid organisations bringing relief.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine.
- 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.

POP-UP CRAFT STALLS

With the Coffee Morning at the beginning of April being postponed, a number of Pop-up Craft Stalls will be in church on Sundays in the Social Chapel near to where Coffee is served after the 10:00 am services. These include various craft items including cards and candles. Monies from purchased items to Pat or Margaret (cards stall) or Mark (candles stall). Proceeds to St. John's Church.