

# NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Online Shorter form of BCP EVENING PRAYER with Hymns	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May (6:00 pm)	On Zoom
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Meeting of the PCC Standing Committee	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May (CHANGE IN DATE) (7:30 pm)	TBC
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	St. John's Church
<b>"Jazz from the Musicals Show"</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### 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. We will be getting a card reader shortly so will be able to accept electronic offerings by credit / debit card in the near future.

### 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 ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

The feast-day of the Apostles Philip and James customarily falls on 1<sup>st</sup> May. However, as this date falls on a Sunday this year, their saints' day is transferred to the following day. It has been said that these two Apostles both shared lives radically devoted to the Gospel and paid the ultimate sacrifice for their faith. We are told that Philip was from Bethsaida, and that, after he had been called to be an Apostle, he brought Nathanael to Christ (John 1:43-49). When certain Greeks wanted to meet Jesus, it was to Philip that they applied (John 12:20-22); and it was his request at the Last Supper, "Lord show us the Father", that drew from Jesus the declaration "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father ... I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:8-10). Tradition has it that Philip preached the Gospel in Phrygia and Scythia, helped by his sister and daughters, and died at Hierapolis through martyrdom at an advanced age. James, the Son of Alphaeus, is known as James the Less to distinguish him James the brother of John, sons of Zebedee. Some authorities identify him with James, "the Lord's brother" which, if correct, would mean that it was he who eventually presided over the Christian community in Jerusalem. The contemporary Jewish historian Josephus records that Bishop James was martyred by being stoned to death. And a later source, a converted Jew called Hegesippus, says that James was first taken to the pinnacle of the Temple and implored to dissuade the assembled people from belief in Christ. Instead, he declared his faith in Christ in such novel words that the people listening below are said to have cried "Hosanna to the Son of David"! James was then thrown down from the pinnacle, and then stoned and beaten to death as he lay there. Some identify him as the author of the Epistle of James; and he may even have been the author of the letter which we are told that Paul and Barnabas took to the Christians in Antioch (Acts 15:22-29).

*Canon Tony Bundock*

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

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 EASTER

Zephaniah Ch. 3 VV. 14 – 20

Acts Ch. 9 VV. 1 – 20

John Ch. 21 VV. 1 – 19

## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER

(This Sunday Service's Intercessions Led by JUNE BRAZIER)



Heavenly Father, we thank you for being a caring loving presence in our lives. We pray for those who suffer or are distressed in any way. We pray for kindness, compassion and mercy to take the place of neglect, disinterest, and cruelty. Let those who are despairing find hope and security. Let war and conflict cease, and let your continuing Love and Peace flow over all the earth. In the name of Jesus your Son and our Saviour, we offer these prayers in all sincerity. 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 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; 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: 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.