NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)	Sunday 15 th May (After the Main Service)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 18 th May (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity, Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wednesday 25 th May (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Princes Risborough
"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
St. John's Church Summer Fete.	9 th July 2022	St. John's Church Vicarage Garden

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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Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022

5TH 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

We are not currently proposing to make any changes to our Covid-19 measures in Church. Wearing masks in church, is requested when moving around in Church. Please maintain social distancing where possible and sanitise your hands. We are now offering, for those who wish it, hosts intincted by the Celebrant at all Communion Services. The Lady Chapel area will be set aside as a <u>mandatory</u> 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.

We are shortly going to receive a card reader so we can take cashless offerings during services / donations. Linked to this we also have a QR code for members of the congregation to donate via their Smartphone, which can be used as of now. You will need a QR reader App to use this. Thank you for however you choose to make your offering.



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... CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week this year takes place from 15th to 21st May. The message of this important week in the Church calendar is that it is an opportunity to turn love into practical action through turning hunger into hope. Christian Aid was founded in 1945 by British and Irish Churches in order to help and support refugees following the ravages of the Second World War. The vision of Christian Aid in today's world is to continue to provide humanitarian relief and long-term development for poor communities world-wide; whilst highlighting suffering, tackling injustice, and championing people's rights. The message of this year's Christian Aid Week is:

"But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you".

"With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe".

Christian Aid envelopes for this year's Christian Aid Week are available in Church. Online donations are also welcome. Details can be found on the Christian Aid website which is: www.christianaid.org.uk

In keeping with the origins of Christian Aid as a humanitarian response to the needs of refugees from conflict and warfare, there is currently a specific appeal for the Ukraine Emergency Fund for which online donations can be made at: www.christianaid.org.uk/ukraine-appeal

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 EASTER

Acts Ch. 11 VV. 1 – 18 Revelation No. 21 VV. 1 – 6

John Ch. 13 VV. 31 - 35

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER





Almighty God, who by the Word become flesh, gave inherent dignity to all of humanity, by your grace, may we recognise your presence and the incredible privilege of encountering your image in each other. And grant that by your inspiration we may work continually to challenge anything that dehumanises another and to amplify the worth and value of all through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. 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 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; 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. That there will be a rapid end to the fighting and the suffering for its People.
- 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.