

NOTICES / DIARY DATES

Event	Date and time	Venue
Team Bereavement "Drop In"	2 nd Mon of the Month (3:00 to 4:00 pm)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team "Tea for All" for anyone who is feeling lonely and wants to drop in for tea, cake and a chat.	Last Sunday of the Month (2:30 to 4:30 pm)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 17 th January (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 24 th January (8:45 am)	Holy Trinity Bledlow
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 31 st January (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 7 th February (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 14 th February (8:45 am)	St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 21 st February (8:45 am)	St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough
Team Morning Prayer	Wed. 28 th February (8:45 am)	St. John's Church
PCC Meeting	Tuesday 5 th March (7:30 pm)	[PCC To Be Notified]

ONE CAN TRUST

One Can Trust are trying to create bags that enable families to make a nutritious meal. Soup is not needed, but all donations for the food cupboard are welcome, including tinned meat, tinned fish, lentils, pasta, tinned tomatoes and cook-in sauces. We are being told that donations to the Trust have been down recently, but demand remains high. We have a donations box outside the Church Porch. Thank you.

2023 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We are pleased to report that our Christingle Service on 10th December 2023 raised £83.10 for the Children's Society.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing
SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2024
2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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 now optional except for the Lady chapel where we request that masks are still worn in this part of the Church. The Lady Chapel area will continue to be set aside as a mandatory social distancing area for those who feel they need to socially distance themselves from others. Please respect this. A bottle of sanitiser is available in the Chancel in front of the Chancel Screen for people to use, if they wish, before receiving Communion. The Common Cup is being used during our Communion services with a separate chalice for those who wish to receive by Intinction. We will generally be serving coffee after the 10:00 am Service on Sundays.

We have a card reader available, so we are able to 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 (1 st & 3 rd Sun)
10:00 am	In-church Parish Communion Service with Hymns

TUESDAY

9:30 am	In-church Said Parish Communion Service
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FOCUS ON ... NATHANAEL FOLLOWER OF JESUS

Nathanael is usually identified with Bartholomew the Apostle mentioned in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and in Chapter 1 of the Book of Acts. The source for this identification is a suggestion that the name Bartholomew, which translates from the original Aramaic as "son of furrows" was a surname; and also, because Bartholomew and Philip are always paired together in the Synoptic Gospels. In Saint John's Gospel Chapter 1 Verses 43-44, Nathanael is introduced as a friend of Philip from Bethsaida. The first disciples who follow Jesus are portrayed as reaching out immediately to family or friends. And we are told by Saint John that Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph". Nathanael is described as initially being sceptical about whether the Messiah could come from Nazareth, saying: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?", but nonetheless, he accepts Philip's invitation to find out. We are told that when Jesus says, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael wonders how it is that Jesus knows him. Jesus tells him he saw him sitting under the fig tree. In the history of rabbinic literature, people contentedly study the Torah, the Jewish Law, under the fig tree. And so, Nathanael responds, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus then assures him that he will indeed see greater things. He will come to understand that, like Jacob's ladder in the Book of Genesis, Jesus is the link between heaven and earth. Nathanael reappears in Chapter 21 of Saint John's Gospel, as Nathanael of Cana, and as one of the group of disciples to whom Jesus appeared at the Sea of Galilee after the Resurrection. Some bible scholars have therefore suggested that Nathanael may have been a significant figure for the Christian community within which Saint John's Gospel was composed.

Canon Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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*.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel Ch. 3 VV. 1 – 10 [& VV. 11 – 20]
Revelation No. 5 VV. 1 – 10

John Ch. 1 VV. 43 – 51.

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER



Heavenly Father, as we continue into this new year, we pray that we will listen, hear you and say, "Here I am", be faithful, trustworthy and follow Jesus, seeing the great things that He is doing. We pray that by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we will acknowledge and use the gifts You have given to us, to serve and glorify You. Please show us the context and community in which to do this. In Jesus name, *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 2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of
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, Rita Probert, Roger Hussey, Martin Moore, Graham King, Dick Field, Helena Oecken, Marcus Barthropp, Ursula Glynn-Jones, Tony Scott, Sheila Wright and Kate Collet-Fenson.
- The recently departed including Irene Foord. May their souls rest in peace. We pray for their families and friends at this difficult time.
- We pray for our government, that they will lead wisely and fairly for all.
- We pray for countries where there have been natural disasters, for their peoples and for the various aid organisations bringing relief. We pray at this time for people of the UK who have been affected by recent storms including flooding.
- We pray for Peace in the Ukraine, the Sudan, Israel and The Gaza Strip and The Red Sea. That there will be a rapid end to the fighting and the suffering for their Peoples.
- We pray for our National Health Service and the Doctors, Nurses and Support Staff.
- 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.