



**19<sup>th</sup> June 2022: First Sunday after Trinity**

**Season:** Ordinary Time **Liturgical Colour:** Red **Why?** Today we are holding a confirmation service at St John's. As we know from Pentecost, red is the colour associated with the Holy Spirit and so we use the same colour for a confirmation service. If there were baptisms then we would be in white.

**8.00am Holy Communion** (spoken) in the Lady Chapel

**9.30am Parish Eucharist with Confirmations**

President and preacher: Bishop Stephen Venner

Deacon: The Vicar

Confirmands: Gemma Smith, Paul Ellison, Anna Chambers

Gospel: Luke 8.26-39

Reading: Galatians 3.23 - end

Reader: Lauryn Awbrey

Intercessions: Bryan Coventry

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)

Hymns: 362, 591, 663, 452, 422, 421, 748

**10.30am Celebratory Refreshments** in the Church Hall,

**CHILDREN AT ST JOHN'S**

All children are very welcome at St John's, and this might help:

- Please don't be afraid to sit at the front – children can see what is going on better.
- There are books and bags at the back of church
- Please make use of the church as you need to, or if you need to go outside, don't feel bad.
- Join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.
- We are starting up a Junior Church, monthly.
- Next Junior Church is 10<sup>th</sup> July
- If you would like to help out with either Junior Church or Mini Church please get in touch Please email [junior.church@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk](mailto:junior.church@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk) for details.

## GIVING AT ST JOHN'S

At St John's we rely on the enormous generosity of our congregation to support our ministry, so that we might live God's love to our Parish. If you are in a position to support us, there are a number of ways you can give, either as a one-off or on a regular basis:

- Collection plate – both cash and contactless either before or after the service
- Set up a direct debit
- Join our Parish Giving Scheme

Envelopes to donate for the collection where gift aid can be claimed are available. For more information contact Andrew Poppleton on [andrew.poppleton@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk](mailto:andrew.poppleton@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk).

## SUNDAY READINGS AND PRAYERS

### THE COLLECT

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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.**

### NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 3.23 - end

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no

longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## **THE GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

**In our Parish for the sick:** Iain Macdonald, Rosalyn Gamero and all whose names are entered on our St Luke's Cell Prayer List.

**For the dearly departed:** Geraldine Mockler, Chris Taylor

**In their year's mind:** Grace Relton, Margaret Pope, Kenneth Tyler (19<sup>th</sup>), Sylvia Coggan (20<sup>th</sup>), George Hawkins, Elisabeth Gillett (21<sup>st</sup>), Jennifer Loosley, Alan John Rogers, Marjory Mitchell (22<sup>nd</sup>), David Freeman (23<sup>rd</sup>), Arthur Whyley, John Royston (24<sup>th</sup>), Maisie Anne Best (25<sup>th</sup>)

For the homes and families in

Sunday	St Paul's Close, Sandhurst Court
Monday	Sherwoods Rise, Sibley Avenue
Tuesday	Southdown Road, Stonehurst Court, Tarrant Drive
Wednesday	Tiverton Court, Topstreet Way
Thursday	The Uplands, Vallance Place
Friday	The Warren, Welbeck Rise
Saturday	Walkers Close, Walkers Road

Please let Tim know if we can pray for you.

## NOTICES\*

*\* deadline for news items midday on Wednesday via  
[newsletter@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk)*

**Sound System Experience.** It was great to welcome to St John's 'About Sound' who demonstrated to us how our new Sound System might sound. Please direct any feedback to the Wardens or Vicar.

## T O D A Y

**Confirmation Service, 9.30am on 19<sup>th</sup> June.** Today we welcome Bishop Stephen Venner as he confirms three members of our congregation. Please pray for Anna, Gemma and Paul as they take this next step. We will celebrate afterwards with enhanced refreshments in the hall afterwards.

**How do you travel to church?** As part of our desire to become a net zero church by 2030, we are starting by measuring our carbon footprint. Part of this includes recording how we get to church each Sunday. Please don't leave the service without letting us know.

**Family Service update.** The Ministry Team have decided that to stop our 4pm Family Service. This is partly due to poor attendance but also to focus limited time on our All Age and Junior Church ministry.

## C O M I N G U P

**Silent Meditation, Monday 10.15am in the Lady Chapel.** All welcome to join us in the Lady Chapel for a time of contemplative silence, followed by coffee in the Vicarage. All welcome especially beginners.

**Prayer and Pint.** Join us at 5pm in Church for Evening Prayer on Wednesday, followed by a pint at the Egineer. All Welcome.

**Invitation to Patronal Festival, 11am 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022.** You are cordially invited to our Patronal Festival (celebration of our Patron Saint, John the Baptist). The service will include incense and afterwards everyone is invited to the Vicarage for Lunch, with live music, a bar and crafts for the children. If you can provide a pudding, please sign up!

**Volunteers needed!** If you can help to set up for the patronal festival celebrations, please make yourselves known to the wardens or email the parish office. Help is needed from 9.30am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Many hands make light work!

**Ordination of Anthony Davis.** Please hold Anthony Davis, former member of this congregation, husband of Lucy Davis, in your prayers as

he is ordained Deacon at 4pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. If you would like to support him in person, please let Revd Tim know.

**Junior and Mini Church.** Our next Junior Church is 10<sup>th</sup> July. There will also be a Junior Church for specifically pre-school aged children. You will need to register in advance or on the day, so please do so to [lauryn.awbrey@stsjohnsharpenden.org.uk](mailto:lauryn.awbrey@stsjohnsharpenden.org.uk)

**SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September.** We're pleased to announce the return of quizzing to St Johns! To help raise funds for Project Phoenix, in September we will be hosting a quiz. It's sure to be fun, and Paul B says all the questions will be really really easy. Details, including timings and costs, will be confirmed later in the summer. In the meantime, please put the date in your diaries / calendars, and tell your friends!

## O T H E R N E W S

**Why are you part of St John's?** As we journey from Pentecost to our Patronal we have invited members of our congregation to share why they are part of St John's, and why they support our ministry with time, talent and treasure.

**New Parish Administrator.** We are very pleased to announce that Anna Chambers has been appointed as our new Parish Administrator. This is very exciting news for the Parish and we wish Anna have happiness in her new role.

**Parish Centre Sermon series.** This is now available online, both on our website and via our YouTube Chanel.

**Wedding Announcements:** We are delighted to announce the forthcoming weddings of two former members of our congregation. Please remember them in your prayers:

Helen Anna Charlston, previously of Spenser Road, Harpenden, and Michael John Craddock will be married at Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Alexandra Sophie Jennings, Limpley Stoke and previously of Longcroft Avenue, Harpenden and Christopher Peter Mears will be married at Église Notre-Dame St Pierre, Pujols, France on Saturday 25th June,

**Church Reordering.** Please don't forget to let Tim know your thoughts on the Church reordering. You can email him on [vicar@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk)

**Memorial Service of Geoff and Muriel Stone.** For those who knew Geoff and Muriel, this service will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. All we invited.

## PARISH DIARY

Monday	10.15am	Silent Meditation in the Lady Chapel
	6.00pm	Beavers visit to St John's
Tuesday	10.00am	Little Acorns in the Church Hall
	2.00pm	Memorial Service at St John's Church Muriel and Geoff Stone
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Eucharist
	5.00pm	Prayer and Pint
Thursday	7.00pm	Special PCC meeting in the Vicarage Garden
Saturday	9.00am	Baptism preparation in Church
	10.00am	Junior Music rehearsal in Church

## NEXT SUNDAY

8am and 11am service for birth of St John the Baptist: Readings: OT: *Isaiah 40.1-11* NT: *Acts 13.14b-26*; Gospel: *Luke 1.57-66, 80*

### **Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer (in the Lady Chapel)**

Morning Prayer: 9.30 am, Monday to Thursday

Evening Prayer: 5pm Monday to Thursday

Wednesday Eucharist, 10.30am in the Lady Chapel

**Sign up to our Newsletter:**

We also send out a weekly newsletter. If you would like to receive it, please get in touch:

<https://stjohnsharpenden.org.uk/about-us/newsletter/>

For arrangement of baptisms, weddings & funerals contact the Parish Office or talk to the vicar after the service.



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