



9th October 2022: Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

Season: Ordinary Time **Liturgical Colour:** Green **Why?** Green is primarily associated with spiritual growth and reflects the seasons of Spring and Summer in the natural world. It is also a colour of hope. It is anything but ordinary!

8am **No Holy Communion** this morning but all invited to join Revd Tim at St Mary's Redbourn followed by breakfast.

9.30am **Parish Eucharist with Baptism of Rupert, Toby and Henry Wright**

President and preacher: Bishop Stephen Venner

Deacon: David Nye

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Reader: Nick Pearce

Gospel: Luke 17.11-19

Intercessions: No intercessions this week

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas

Hymns: 691, 116, 784, 451, 358, 757

10.30am **Refreshments** in the Church Hall

5pm **BCP Evensong**

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, toys and colouring 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.
- Next Junior Church is **TODAY!**

If you would like to help out with either Junior Church or Mini Church please get in touch – junior.church@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk.

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
- Set up a direct debit
- Join our Parish Giving Scheme

Envelopes to donate for the collection where gift aid can be claimed are available. We have a new Stewardship Officer, Alison Bygrave. You can contact her on alison.bygrave@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

SUNDAY READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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: 2 Timothy 2.8-15

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17.11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?’ ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ ¹⁹ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

Revd Tim Vickers, Vicar of St John's (usual day off Friday)
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Churchwardens, Jane Donati and Heather Nye
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Parish Office, - Anna Chambers
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Safeguarding, Jane Donati safeguarding@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

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: Alan Webster, Caroline Ballard, John Bates and Queen Elizabeth

To be baptised in October: Rupert, Toby and Henry Writght, Margot Marsh

In their year's mind: Robin Lawrie (9th), Valarie Parkin (10th), Reginald Pinney (11th), Robert Perdue (12th), Audrey Reeves, Simon Marchant-Jones (13th), Aubrey Gibbard (14th)

For the homes and families in

Sunday	Oak Way, Oakfield Road
Monday	Oakhurst Avenue, Oakley Road
Tuesday	Paddock Wood, Parva Close
Wednesday	Pendennis Court, Pennycroft
Thursday	Piggottshill Lane, Pipers Avenue
Friday	Poynings Close, Prospect Lane
Saturday	Queens Road, Ranleigh Walk

If you know anyone who might like a visit from the church, please speak with a member of the Pastoral Visiting Team, which includes Anne
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Edwards, Bryan Coventry, David and Heather Nye, and the Vicar. Or
contact via the Parish Office.

NOTICES*

** deadline for news items midday on Wednesday via
newsletter@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk*

Thanks to Bishop Stephen! Our thanks to Bishop Stephen as he takes this mornings service. Revd Tim is helping to cover the Vacancy in Redbourn this morning.

Repair Fair. Will be taking place on Saturday 15th October. All electrical slots have been taken, if you have booked, don't forget to bring your item along.

Children's Society Charity Quiz Night on Saturday 15th October, 7pm for 7.30pm, St Nicholas Church Hall. Tickets £10 (no supper will be served - bring your own refreshments - glasses provided) Tel 01582 460100.

COMING UP

Music Review. The Vicar and PCC have decided to undertake a review of music at St John's, to help us plan for the future and how we can enhance and support what we already do, and make the most of opportunities available locally. Katie Metcalfe, Director of Music at Our Lady of Lourdes, is undertaking this review, and would love to hear what you think. She will be available after the 9.30am Parish Eucharist on Sunday 16th October. Notes will be available afterwards to send in your own thoughts.

Commemoraton of Faithful Departed. This service takes place at 3pm on 5th November. All invited as we remember those we love but see no longer. If you would like the name of a loved one remembered, please contact the Office.

First Communion. We are going to admit young people to First Communion on Sunday 27th November. If you are in year 3 and above, and are interested to explore what this might mean, please have a chat with the Vicar. We would need to arrange two preparation classes in November to suit candidates.

Knitted Sheep. Can you knit? We are hoping to make some knitted sheep to give out to local businesses over the Christmas period to let everyone know what we are doing for the festive season. Packs with all the instructions and wool will be available from the back of church. Please speak to Anne Edwards or ask the office.

'St Nicholas C of E Primary School is holding Open Days for those applying for a reception place starting in September 2023. You are most welcome to attend on any of the dates below. We will be providing school tours as well as a question and answer session at the end. Please contact the school office on 01582 623620, email admin@stnicholasce.org or visit our website www.stnicholasce.org/admissions to book a place for the tours on Wednesday 9th November at 9.30am, Saturday 10th December at 10.00am or Wednesday 11th January at 9:30am.

Deanery Evensong on 23rd October, 6.30pm, at St Nicholas Church Harpenden. All welcome as our 12 churches in our Deanery gather for an annual event to worship together.

PARISH NEWS

Alan Webster. The funeral service for Alan was held on Friday 30th September at West Herts crematorium for the family. However, there will be a Thanksgiving service for Alan in St Johns church on Friday 21 October at 2pm. All are most welcome to attend.

Parish Weekend Away 16-17 September 2023. The PCC have decided that we will be holding a Parish Weekend away in 2021. If you would like to find out more and reserve a place, please get in touch with Lauryn Awbrey (lauryn.awbrey@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk)

Committee Room. The committee room is now available for use and hire. If your group would like to meet here, please email the office to check availability.

Servers needed. We could do with a few more servers to complement our serving team. We are especially short of adults. If you are interested to know more please speak to the Vicar of Michael Readman (Head Server).

PROJECT PHOENIX UPDATE

St John's Cook Book! We sold 75 copies last week. Help us sell the remaining 425! Copies are now available to purchase. £10 per copy – a great Christmas present. Cash or card accepted. Speak to Heather Nye or contact the parish office to purchase.

St John's Exhibition of Photographs 19-20th November

Beautiful photographs, many of local scenes. A chance to purchase an early Christmas present. Harpenden Calendar 2023 and cards also on sale. Refreshments available.

Donors. Thanks to all who have donated so far. If you would like to find out how to help us financially, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday	2.45pm	Junior Music
Monday	11am	Funeral of John Bates
	2.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting @ Vicarage
Tuesday	1pm	Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday	2pm	St Luke's Cell Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
Saturday	2pm-5pm	Repair Fair @ St John's Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

8am and 9.30am services Parish Eucharist for the Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity, *NT: 2 Tim 3.14 – 4.5, Gospel: Luke 18.1-8*

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

If you would like to make a donation to St John's please scan the QR code, enter the amount followed by your payment details



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