



5th June 2022: Pentecost

Season: Pentecost. **Liturgical Colour:** Red **Why?** Red “is the language of fire and blood, indicate[ing] burning charity and the martyrs’ generous sacrifice.” With that in mind, red for Pentecost can be seen in reference to the flames of fire that came down upon the apostles, as well as the fire of “burning charity” that arose in them after that day.

In Christian art the Holy Spirit is most often represented by a dove, encircled by a blaze of fire. Additionally, many saints are depicted as having hearts on fire, symbolizing the fervor of their charity. On the other hand, Orthodox Christians and many Eastern Catholics use the color green for Pentecost. This is done to emphasise the new creation that the breath of the Holy Spirit brings and the newness of life in the Spirit.

8.00am Holy Communion (spoken) in the Lady Chapel
Followed by coffee

9.30am All Age Parish Eucharist
President and preacher: Revd Tim Vickers
Deacon: David Nye
Gospel: John 14.8-17
Reading: Acts 2.1-21
Reader: Luella Buckle
Intercessions: The Stretch Family
Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)
Hymns: 242 (omit *), 238i, 246, 358, 264
Communion Anthem: ‘Spirit of God’

10.30am Parish Coffee in the Church Hall,

3.00pm Jubilee Tea Party, at the Vicarage

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 as well as colouring in packs (updated each week).
- Please make use of the church as you need to, and don't worry about making noise.
- Join us in the hall for refreshments after the service.
- We are starting up a Junior Church, monthly.
- Next Junior Church is 12th June!

Please email 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.

SUNDAY READINGS AND PRAYERS

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

THE GOSPEL: John 14.8-17

⁸ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ ⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ ¹⁰ Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me* for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep* my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,* to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in* you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

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IN OUR PRAYERS

In our Parish for the sick: Iain Macdonald, and all whose names are

entered on our St Luke's Cell Prayer List.

For the dearly departed: Geraldine Mockler, Chris Taylor

To be baptised in June: Orla O'Neill

In their year's mind: Ernest Udell (5th), Dorothy Marshall, Judith Jarma (6th), Joseph Oswald, William John Mason, Sheila Griffiths (7th), Derek Giddings (8th), Gladys Osey, Robert Nicholson Combe (9th), Margery Sands, Robert Gibb, Charles Whitlock (10th), Donald Gray, James Derek Miley, Geoffrey Lane, Eleanor Gwen Hollington (12th)

For the homes and families in

Sunday	Magna Close, Maple Cottages
Monday	Meadow Walk, Meadway
Tuesday	Mons Close, Nairn Close
Wednesday	Netherfield Road, Newton Close
Thursday	Oak Way, Oakfield Road
Friday	Oakhurst Avenue, Oakley Road
Saturday	Paddock Wood, Parva Close

Please let Tim know if we can pray for you.

NOTICES*

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

Jubilee Tea Party, 3pm on 5th June at the Vicarage. Everyone is invited to join us for a special celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee in the Vicarage Gardens from 3pm. If you are able to provide cake / scones, or help with setting up, please let Tim or Sophy know.

Harpenden Churches Together, Platinum Praise, Sunday, 5th June, 6.30-8pm on Harpenden Common (outside the Public Hall). Will be a wonderful time to witness, worship together, and give thanks for the service of the Queen. Please bring your own chair or picnic blanket.

Junior Church next Sunday. We are meeting again for Junior Church next Sunday. Learning from last month 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@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

Project Phoenix Sermon series. This is now available online, both on our website and via our YouTube Chanel.

Church treasurer Do you have financial skills that might be useful at St Johns? We have an urgent need for someone to take responsibility for looking after our finances on a week to week basis and also for someone who would report to the PCC and help us with the annual budget and accounts. The roles are flexible and could be managed to suit the individual. Everything is digitally based. More details from the Vicar or David Nye.

Prayer for those who have died. Every week when we pray the Daily Office, and on Sunday's, we pray for those who have died, and any whose year minds falls at this time. The current Year Mind list current records all those who have died since 1973. Grief has no time frame and we are always happy to pray for anyone who has died, however long ago. We propose initially pray for those who have died in the last 20 years, and anyone else who wishes to be prayed for. Please speak to the Vicar if this poses a problem.

Patronal Festival Exhibition, 26th June. We are looking to put on a small art exhibition of photos and paintings of St John's. If you happen to have an old photograph or painting, do let the vicar know.

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 10.00am Little Acorns in the Church Hall

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY

8am and 9.30am service for Trinity Sunday Readings: *Proverbs 1.1-4, 22-31; Gospel: John 16.12-15*

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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