



26th June 2022: The Birth of St John the Baptist

Season: Ordinary Time **Liturgical Colour:** White **Why?** St John the Baptist is an important Saint and so we celebrate his birth (24th June) and death (29th August) in our calendar. His birth, as with any, is a moment of joy and so we use white.

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

11.00am **Patronal Eucharist**

President and preacher: The Vicar

Deacon: Lauryn Awbrey

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

Reader: Brenda Cottle

New Testament Reading: Acts 13.14b-26

Reader: Jane Donati

Gospel: Luke 1:57b – 66, 80

Intercessions: Paul Bedding

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)

Hymns: 46, 319, 219 (v5-8, doxology), 595, 299i, 754

Anthem: 'O come, ye servants of the Lord' - Christopher Tye

Junior Music: 'Let all the World, in every corner sing, my God and King'

12.30pm **Celebratory Refreshments** alongside Church

12.50pm **Exhibition Opening** 'The Story of St John's and relaunch of the Parish Centre Project.

1.00pm **BBQ Lunch**, with drinks and games in the Vicarage garden

3.00pm **Rounders on the Common**

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 10th 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 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.

IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

Revd Tim Vickers, Vicar of St John's (usual day off Friday)
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IN OUR PRAYERS

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

For the dearly departed: Chris Taylor

In their year's mind: Maisie Anne Best (25th), Fred Newton, Derek Clifford Burton (28th), Dorothy Popplewell (29th), George Palmer, Angela Best (30th)

For the homes and families in

Sunday	Wensley Close, West Common
Monday	West Common Close, West Common Grove
Tuesday	West Common Way, Westminster Court
Wednesday	Wheatfield Avenue, Wheatfield Road
Thursday	Wheathampstead Road
Friday	Acacia Walk, Aldwick Road
Saturday	Alzey Gardens

Please let Tim know if we can pray for you.

NOTICES*

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

TODAY

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.

COMING UP

Bible Study, 8pm Tuesday 28th June. We will meet at 8pm on Zoom, to explore Chapter 2 in 'The Meanings in the Miracles' by Jeffrey John. You don't need to have read the book beforehand, but get in touch with Revd Tim for the Bible Passage and Zoom code.

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 2nd July. If you would like to support him in person, please let Revd Tim know.

All Age Parish Eucharist next Sunday. We meet next Sunday for our All Age Parish Eucharist. All Welcome!

Traidcraft Stall 3rd July. Please come down to the hall after church and make the most of what the traidcraft stall has to offer.

Christian Mime Artist, 4.15pm 3rd July. You are invited to come and experience the Mime ministry of Steve Murray, an internationally known mime artist. Steve is coming to St John's to perform for Faith and Light, and has invited

the wider congregation to attend as well. This will be a really special event, suitable for all ages. It would be helpful to know numbers for tea, so please let Lauryn know if you are interested in attending.

OTHER NEWS

Parish Magazine. The deadline for the magazine has been updated to 4th July. There has also been a change to the guidelines, please check these. If you have anything to contribute or any other questions please contact magazine@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

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.

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

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday	10.00am 8.00pm	Little Acorns in the Church Hall Bible Study on Zoom.
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	10.00am	Junior Music rehearsal in Church

NEXT SUNDAY

8am and 9.30am service for St Thomas: Readings: *NT: Ephesians 2.19 – end;*
Gospel: John 20.24-29

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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