



27th February 2022: Sunday Next before Lent

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 Holy Communion (no hymns) in the Lady Chapel

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

President: Tim Vickers

Deacon and Preacher: Anne Edwards

Reading: Exodus 34. 29 - end

Reader: Lauryn Awbrey

Intercessions: Paul Bedding

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)

Hymns: 766, 383, 281, 464, 462, 652

10.30am Parish Coffee in the Church Hall

11.30am Holy Baptism of Harry Childs

CHILDREN AT ST JOHN'S

All children are very welcome at St John's. We are still looking to find a way to resume our Junior Church (we need some help co-ordinating). Until then, 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 holding a meeting at 8pm on Monday 28th February to talk about our Ministry with Children and Families. All welcome. We are meeting at the Queen's Head Pub.

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

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34.29 - end

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with

him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9.28-36

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus* took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,* they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,* one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen;* listen to him!’ ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

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IN OUR P R A Y E R S

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/daily-prayers

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Sunday: Parish of Bedford, St Martin
Monday: Parish of Bedford, St Michael and All Angels
Tuesday: Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Office
Wednesday: Diocesan Board of Finance
Thursday: Parish of Bedford, St Paul
Friday: Parish of Bedford, St Peter de Merton with
St Cuthbert
Saturday: Parish of Biddenham

For those to be baptised: Dylan Jarman and Harry Childs.

In our Parish for the sick:

Chris, Paul, Mike, Miriam, Daniel, Pat, Barbara, Chris, Sue
and all whose names are entered on our St Luke's Cell Prayer List.

For the dearly departed:

Simon Creedy, Ian Ross

In their year's mind:

David Jennings (27th); Genevieve Crawford (28th); Simon Griffiths (29th);
Renee Grieveson, Brian Lakin (2nd March); Susan Combe,
Malcolm Lacey (3rd); Paul Sampson (4th); Winifred Ellis,
Leslie Farnham (5th).

For the homes and families in

Sunday	Wensley Close, West Common
Monday	West Common Way, Westminster Court
Tuesday	Acacia Walk, Aldwick Road
Wednesday	Alzey Gardens
Thursday	Aran Close, Ashcroft Close
Friday	Barlings Road, Barnfield Road
Saturday	Barrons Row, Beech Close

Please let Tim know if we can pray for you.

NOTICES*

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

Traidcraft stall TODAY. As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, there is a Tradicraft Stall in the Church Hall after the 9.30am service.

Last Sunday for Palm Crosses Please! Today is the last Sunday to drop off an old palm cross so that we can burn them to make our Ash used for Ash Wednesday. I'll be making the Ash on Tuesday 1st March so drop them into the Vicarage before then.

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Today is the last Sunday before the beginning of Lent on 2nd March. We will be holding two services on Ash Wednesday at 10.30am and 8pm, with the imposition of Ashes. The 10.30am service will also be livestreamed.

World Day of Prayer, Friday 4th March 2022: This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland on the theme "I know the plans I have for you" (Jeremiah, 29.11) There will, as usual, be two services:- 10.30am at the United Reform Church, Vaughan Road 7.45pm - Zoom Service (Please contact the Parish Office for Zoom details and collect service booklets from the Church porch). ALL WELCOME!

Lent 2022: Spiritual Well being: Body, mind and soul. Our Lent program begins this Saturday at 10am. For more details of how you can spend more time with God this Lent, and where to sign up, please visit our website <https://stjohnsharpenden.org.uk/lent-holy-week> or speak to the Vicar.

To ring or not to ring? We are exploring what to do with the old bell from St John the Evangelist (the Paper Church which burnt down in 1905). One proposal is to hang it in the choir vestry and ring it before our Parish Eucharist each Sunday. To help gather feelings from the congregation you have the chance to vote – a black token for ‘no’, a white token for ‘yes’ and a purple token for ‘not sure’. We will do this every Sunday in February and you can vote every time you come to church.

Electoral Roll. It is the start of our annual Electoral Roll refresh; the formal notice has been posted in the church porch window; a briefing has been prepared (and is on the Church Noticeboard); copies of the Invitation Letter (including copies of the forms) are in the Porch. All the material is also on the website at stjohnsharpenden.org.uk/electoralroll. The process runs until Wednesday 2 March; the new Roll is then available for review until the APCM. Our Electoral Roll Officer, Neil Middleton can help if you have any questions - electoral.roll@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk or leave him a message via the Parish Office.

OTHER NEWS

St John's has recently become a '**Fairtrade Place of Worship**'. We have committed to using fairly traded tea, coffee and sugar at all our events, and to promoting Fairtrade, for example, by running a stall in Fairtrade Fortnight. So do come along on Sunday 27th Feb and buy something from the Traidcraft stall.

Children's Society box holders: From Saturday 12th February, we will commence the collection of Children's Society boxes. As many people have rarely used cash in the past year, we wanted to offer an alternative way to support The Children's Society. If you already have cash in your box or are able to donate by way of notes or a cheque, we will collect your box in the usual way. However, if you would prefer to donate by way of a bank transfer to the Children's Society's Harpenden Committee please contact Di Borthwick or Claire Robinson via the Parish Office and we will provide you with the bank details. Thank you for your support.

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday	10.00am	Little Acorns in the Church Hall
	Midday	Parish Communication Group meeting
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.
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Thursday	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union meeting in Lady Chapel
Friday	10.30am	World Day of Prayer The United Reform Church, Vaughan Road
	Midday	Funeral in Church for Ian Ross
	7.45pm	World Day of Prayer Zoom Service (for details, please contact Parish Office).
Saturday	10.00am	Lent: Spirituality through our bodies Litter Pick, meet outside St John's

NEXT SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion and 9.30am First Sunday of Lent Readings: NT: Romans 10.8b-12 Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

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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Want updates on Covid exposures?



We report these in our newsletters.

Want to know quicker?
Don't get our newsletters?

Register your details:



stjohnsharpenden.org.uk/trace

(or speak to a Church Warden at the back of Church)

We won't use the data you provide for any other purposes and will delete it soon after the exposure risk has passed.