



1st May 2022: Third Sunday of Easter

Season: Easter. **Liturgical Colour:** White **Why?** White used during Easter to symbolise the resurrection of Jesus Christ. White expresses joy, celebration, purity and victory. Easter is not a one day festival but last for 50 days until Pentecost. The Easter (or Paschal Candle) is lit during every service during Easter.

8.00am Holy Communion (spoken) in the Lady Chapel, followed by Coffee

9.30am All Age Parish Eucharist

President: Revd Tim Vickers

Deacon and preacher: David Nye

Gospel: John 21.1-19

Reading: Acts 9.1-6

Reader: Pauline Allison

Intercessions: Liz MacDonald

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)

Hymns: 194, 502, 510, 451, 667

Communion Anthem: Let all the world in every corner sing

10.30am Parish Coffee in the Church Hall

4.00pm Faith and Light

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 from 8th May.
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

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9.1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

THE GOSPEL: John 21.1-14

21After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 2Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. 9When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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, - This is currently Vacant so please be patient.

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Safeguarding, Jane Donati safeguarding@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

For the dearly departed: Connie Whiting.

To be baptised in May: Maxwell Taylor, Oliver and Harry Noblet, Finlay Chambers, Isabel Pitman

In their year's mind: Edwin Bowler, Bill Bailey, Lola Leckie (1st), John Drysdale, Peggy Garratt (2nd) Peter Mansfield, Paul Crake (3rd) Maggie Bloor, Felicity Hogan (4th) Dorothy Gordan (7th)

For the homes and families in

Sunday	Acacia walk, Aldwick Road
Monday	Alzey Gardens
Tuesday	Aran Close, Ashcroft Close
Wednesday	Barlings Road, Barnfield Close
Thursday	Barrons Row, Beech Close
Friday	Beeson End Lane, Bewdley Close
Saturday	Birch Way, Bowling Close

Please let Tim know if we can pray for you.

NOTICES*

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

Congregational Meeting TODAY. There will be a short congregational meeting after the 9.30am Eucharist today. This will take place in the Church Hall over coffee.

Project Phoenix Sermon series. Starting on today we will be exploring the rationale for the new Parish Centre by focusing on the Five Marks of Mission. This series is designed to provoke conversation and to reflect more deeply on why this new project matters.

The Five Marks of Mission:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Are you musical? Are you interested in joining an informal music group on the First Sunday of the Month (All Age services)? If so either speak to Tim or Madeleine Venner. All ages and abilities welcome.

Election Day Cake Sale. As in previous years we will be holding a cake sale on 5th May from 10am- 1pm outside St John's Church. If you could make a cake, please drop them in before 10am, and if you are voting why not do so between 10am-1pm and spread the word!

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.

Junior Church Returns! We are very pleased to announce that from May we are starting Junior Church on the Second Sunday of the Month (8th May, 12th June and 10th July) suitable for Primary School aged children. It is a first step on how we can provide effectively for all ages on a Sunday morning. Do please register your interest at juniorchurch@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May.

Join us this Christian Aid Week, and help turn hunger into hope. Hope lives in you and we have the opportunity to bring hope to those facing hunger around the world. You can do this in a number of ways:

- If you live in the Parish, look out for a delivery only envelope through your door so you can make a donation.
- Join us at 4pm on Sunday 15th May at St John's for a special service suitable for all the family.
- Come to a special Christian Aid Coffee morning at the Vicarage on Thursday 19th May 10am - midday.

Beating the Bounds, 3pm 22nd May 2022. The Parish Boundaries are traditionally walked on Rogation Sunday, where we ask God to bless all the crops (and people) in our Parish. Known also as 'Beating the Bounds'. We meet at 2pm outside St John's for a 2-3 hour walk finishing with a pint! All welcome. Speak to the Vicar for more details.

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday	10.00 am	Litle Acorns in the Church Hall
Wednesday	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
Thursday	10am 2.30pm	Cake Sale outside St John's MU meeting in the Lady Chapel
Saturday	10.00am	Baptism Preparation at St John's

NEXT SUNDAY

8am and 9.30am service for Fourth Sunday of Easter Readings: *To respond to human need by loving service* NT: Acts 9.36 – end; Psalm: 23
Gospel: John 10.22-30

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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