



21st August 2022: Tenth 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!

9.30am Parish Eucharist

President and preacher: Geoff Lackey

Deacon: Lauryn Awbrey

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 12. 18-end

Reader: Margaret Charlston

Gospel: Luke 13. 10-17

Intercessions: David Brown

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)

Hymns: - 422, 116, 766, 358, 463, 667

10.30am Refreshments in the Church Hall

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.
- Junior Church and Mini Church will now run monthly.
- Next Junior Church is 11th September 2022.

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 – 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 your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 TESTAMANT READING: Hebrews 12.18- end

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.') ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the

mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, ‘Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.’ ²⁷This phrase ‘Yet once more’ indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13. 10-17

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.’ ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, ‘You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?’ ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
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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Safeguarding, Jane Donati safeguarding@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

For the dearly departed: Susan Roberts, Shaun McBride, Patricia Long, Ivan Jowers

In their year's mind: Cyril Johnson, Bernard Light, Jim Jarvis (21st), Doreen Whitton (22nd), Clifford Hague Peak, Enid Giles (23rd), Leslie Hanson, Archibald Smith, Cecil Kiff, Eric Goss (25th), Winifred Brown, Colin Stevens, Christine Dyer Simpson, Sheila McMillin (27th)

For the homes and families in

Sunday	Stonehurst Court, Tarrant Drive
Monday	Tiverton Court, Topstreet Way
Tuesday	The Uplands, Vallance Place
Wednesday	The Warren, Welbeck Rise
Thursday	Walkers Close, Walkers Court, Walkers Road
Friday	Wensley Close, West Common
Saturday	West Common Close, West Common Grove

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 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*

A quick note to say BRF Notes are available in the porch.

Vision Morning update. Thanks to all who comes to our vision morning on 30th July. We reflect on where we are, who we are and what next. You'll see some of our workings in the Hall. If you would like to be part of a small working group to move this important aspect of church life forward, please speak to the Vicar.

Parish Magazine. We are in need of 2 more deliverers for our parish magazine, they will be dropped to your door and will only be for around half a street of houses. We also need 1 distributor, they are responsible for putting together the bundles and dropping to around 6 deliverers. Please speak to Anna in the office if you can help.

Visiting clergy holiday cover. As the Vicar takes sometime off over summer, we are pleased to welcome Revd Geoff Laycock (today, 21st August) as they Preside and preach for us. We extend to them a very warm St John's welcome!

August e-newsletters. A reminder that there will not be a weekly e-newsletter during August but all the information you might need, can be found online in the calendar entry, or in the August e-newsletters. Pewsheets will be available in Church for those who would like them.

COMING UP

Friday 26th August, Tea @ 3. Join us at 3.00pm in the church hall. It provides enjoyable companionship over a cup of tea, homemade cakes and sandwiches. Everyone is welcome to come and meet up with old friends or indeed make new ones. Do let us know if you might require a lift.

Bike 'n Hike, Saturday 10th September. Whether you would like to take part in the event or be part of the welcoming team at the St John's stop please speak to Anna in the office. Those taking part are sponsored to visit beautiful historic churches across Beds and Herts, on foot, by bike or other means. Money raised is split between the local church and the Trust, to give as grants to repair church buildings. It is a great day out and we get the chance to show how lovely and welcoming St John's is.

Quiz Night, 7pm for 7.30pm Saturday 10th September. Tickets now on sale for a Quiz Night with Quizmaster Paul Bedding! £20 per ticket, which includes Fish and Chip dinner (but bring your own drinks). There will also be a raffle! All proceed to the new Parish Centre. To buy a ticket get in touch via the Parish Office.

Tales of a Country Parish, 7.30pm 29th September. Join us for an exciting evening to hear Colin Heber-Percy discuss his book 'Tales of a Country Parish' religious writings, interlaced with amusing and touching vignettes from his Wiltshire parish. He'll discuss this along with music. Refreshments will be served, with a chance to buy the book and have it signed!

OTHER

New Treasurer. We are very pleased that Jon Pitman has agreed to be our PCC Treasurer. It will take a few weeks for Jon to get up to speed with the church accounts, but we thank Jon for taking on this important role in the life of the church.

New Preschool! We are very pleased to say that Fusion preschool (formerly Southdown Methodists) will be coming to St John's hall from September. You may have noticed an increase in people and items in the hall and this is why. Over the summer their items will be sorted. They are doing wonderful work in our garden and will be a great addition to our community, please join us in welcoming them. If you need use of the hall and are unsure of their hours, please contact the office.

Harpenden Learning for Leisure in Southdown have a full programme of varied courses for the Autumn and Spring terms 2022/23. Liz Sergeant will be delivering 'Making Sense of Modern Art' and would love to see friendly faces! No prior art knowledge needed. Other courses include: music appreciation, garden history and London in Literature. Early bird discount for bookings made before the end of July. Further details on <http://www.harpendenlearningforleisure.org.uk>

PARISH DIARY

Wednesday 10.30am Prayer During the Day

Friday 3pm Tea @ 3 in the church hall

NEXT SUNDAY

8am and 9.30am services for Beheading of St John the Baptist
NT: Hebrews 11.32- 12.2 Gospel: Matthew 14.1-12

Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer (in the Lady Chapel)

Morning Prayer: 9.30 am, Monday to Thursday

Evening Prayer: 5pm Monday to Thursday

Wednesday Prayer During the Day, 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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St John's Visitors

Could you or someone you know do with a visit from
someone at St John's?

We offer loving, sensitive and confidential support to
everyone who needs it, not just Church members.

If this sounds like you, or someone you know, please get
in touch with our parish office

parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

*'If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is completed in us'.
(1 John 4:12)*

