



22nd May 2022: Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation)

Season: Easter. **Liturgical Colour:** White **Why?** Rogation means 'to ask' and the traditional practice of 'beating the bounds' takes place on this day, when we ask for blessing and protection on people and crops for the following year.

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist

President and preacher: Revd Tim Vickers

Deacon: David Nye

Gospel: John 5.1-9

Reading: Acts 16.9-15

Reader: Stuart Burnett

Intercessions: Christine Kenyon

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)

Hymns: 209, 454, 678, 566, 285, 641

10.30am Parish Coffee in the Church Hall

11.30am Baptism of Isabel Pitman

2.00pm 'Beating the Bounds' (meet outside St John's)

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.

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

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.

please sit for BIBLE READING Acts 16.9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a

Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

THE GOSPEL: John 5.1-9

⁵After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW PCC

This happens after the post communion prayer, before the blessing. The churchwardens and members of the PCC gather in front of the altar and the vicar joins them

Vicar The Parochial Church Council comprises elected members of the congregation who serve the community of this parish. Together with the churchwardens they are responsible for the management of many of the parochial affairs and work in close co-operation with the Vicar in respect of worship and pastoral needs. They are, of course, also responsible for St John's.

Members are expected to take a leading role in the life of the church and, by their example, be a source of encouragement to others. We pray that God will bless you in this ministry to this parish.

Will you commit yourselves to the work of God in this place, sharing in the life, work and worship of St John's, and seeking to further the gospel and mission of Christ's Church in this place?

PCC With the help of God, I will.

Vicar People of God, Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries as we seek to live God's love. As we commission the PCC today, will you, with them, and as baptised disciples of Christ, renew your commitment to the loving service of God, of one another and of all people?

All With the help of God, we will.

Vicar Will you, as the people of God here in this place, support and pray for them in their ministry?

All With the help of God, we will.

Vicar In silence let us pray for these PCC members, and for this parish in which they serve; that God will bless the commitment they have undertaken, to the glory of God.

Silence in kept

Vicar God our Father, Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
and give to your servants now to be commissioned
the needful gifts of grace;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

The vicar commissions and blesses the new PCC

Vicar As Vicar, I commission you as the PCC for this Parish.

May God grant you grace, wisdom and joy as you live out this calling. The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;
✠ in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

All return to their places

IMPORTANT PARISH CONTACTS

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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: Geraldine Mockler

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

In their year's mind: Sidney Bird, Jean Stephens (22nd), Ernest Summers (23rd), Leslie Clark, Rita Gardener, Lakeram Heerah (25th),

Therese Hamill (26th) Charles Burton, John Bryden (27th), Ernest Meakin (28th)

For the homes and families in

Sunday	Gorseland, Grange Court Road
Monday	Green Lane Close, Greenway
Tuesday	Grove Avenue, Grove Road
Wednesday	Hadleigh Court, Hammondswick
Thursday	Hatching Green, Hatching Green Close
Friday	Hawsley Road, Hawthorn Close
Saturday	Heath close, High Elms

Please let Tim know if we can pray for you.

NOTICES*

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

Christian Aid Week Thanks. Thanks you to everyone who helped out either delivering envelopes, helping out at Coffee mornings or donating money. Every bit counts! Please do give if you are able to. Total will be announced shortly.

Project Phoenix Sermon series. We continue our mini Sermon series on the Five Marks of Mission with the 4th Mark of Mission 'To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation'.

Beating the Bounds, 2pm TODAY! 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 (please note after a typo last week – this starts at 2pm!)

Funeral of Geraldine Mockler, 11am 24th May. We celebrate the life of Geraldine Mockler at St John's. All are very welcome to attend.

Ascension Day Service 8pm 26th May at St Nicholas Church. This years Deanery Ascension Day service will take place at 8pm. Bishop Michael (Bishop of Bath & Wells Designate) will be preaching

and the new Rural Dean will be licensed. All very much welcome and encouraged!

T@3 Tea at Three returns on Friday 27th May, in the Church Hall. Let the Parish Office know if you would like to come, or need a lift. All welcome!

Next Sunday (29th). We look forward to welcoming Bishop Stephen Venner for our 9.30am Parish Eucharist. Please note there is no 8am Holy Communion service on 29th or Midweek Eucharist on 1st June.

St Alban's Sustainability Festival (Sustfest 2022). St John's is again taking part in the Sustainability Festival. We have two events, both on Sunday 29th May: A litter pick at 11am-12noon. Litter pickers provided, please bring your own gloves. A Traidcraft stall, 10.45am-12.15pm. If you would like to order anything, please let Margaret Charlston know TODAY (22nd May)
eco.church@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

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.

Jubilee Tea Party, 3pm on 5th June at the Vicarage. Everyone is invited to join us for a special celebration of the Queen's 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.

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.

P A R I S H D I A R Y

Tuesday	10.00am	Litle Acorns in the Church Hall
	11.00am	Funeral of Geraldine Mockler at St John's
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
Thursday	8pm	Ascension Day Service at St Nicholas Harpenden
Friday	3pm	T@3 in the Church Hall.

N E X T S U N D A Y

9.30am Service (n.b. No 8am) for Sunday after Ascension Readings: *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth* New Testament: Acts 16.16-34 .Gospel: John 17.20 – end

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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