



**31<sup>st</sup> July 2022: Seventh 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!

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

9.30am **Parish Eucharist**

President: The Vicar

Deacon and preacher: Lauryn Awbrey

New Testament Reading: Hosea 11.1-11

Reader: Bryan Coventry

Gospel: Luke 12.13-21

Intercessions: Margaret Charlston

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)

Hymns: - 357, 679, 584, 781, 787ii, 739

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.
- We are starting up a Junior Church, monthly.
- Next Junior Church is 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:andrew.poppleton@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk).

## SUNDAY READINGS AND PRAYERS

### THE COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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: Hosea 11.1-11

11 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup>The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. <sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. <sup>5</sup>They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup>The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. <sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart

recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup>I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. <sup>10</sup>They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. <sup>11</sup>They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 12.13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” <sup>18</sup>Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he 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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## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

**For the dearly departed:** Elizabeth Noble, Susan Roberts

**In their year's mind:** Frank Yeomans Poynton, Margaret Bracey, Harry Albert Franklin (31<sup>st</sup>) Lilian Hewitt, Beatrice Betty Marsh (1<sup>st</sup>), William Jack Hoskin, Vera Lange, Edith Guy (2<sup>nd</sup>), Fred Dagnall (3<sup>rd</sup>) John Baxter, Harold Harwood, Jean Shannon (4<sup>th</sup>), Robin Purton, Lilian Allen, John Muspratt (5<sup>th</sup>), Lavinia Bird, Leslie Conder, Cynthia Southern (6<sup>th</sup>)

For the homes and families in

Sunday	All those living outside the parish
Monday	Knowle Drive, Leycroft Way
Tuesday	Lilac Way, Limbrick Road
Wednesday	Linwood Road, Loire Mews
Thursday	Long Buftlers, Longfield Road
Friday	Magna Close, Maple Cottages
Saturday	Meadow Walk, Meadway

**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*

## T H A N K S

**Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors.** Last week we commissioned Bryan Coventry, David Nye, Anne Edwards and Heather Nye as our Pastoral Visiting Team. If you know anyone who would like a visit or a prayer please get in touch via the Parish Office. The Team meeting quarterly to oversee our pastoral ministry at St John's. If you are interested in being involved, please get in touch with the Vicar.

## C O M I N G U P

**Cupboard Clearing!** On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August we are making space in our hall cupboards. There are many weird and wonderful items that need sorting, rehoming or moving. This is going to require a lot of work so if you are around on either of these dates, even for a short hour your help would be greatly appreciated. There will be work both inside and out so please wear suitable clothing. We will be working 10am-midday and 1-4pm.

**Quiz Night, 7pm for 7.30pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 proceeds to the new Parish Centre. To buy a ticket get in touch via the Parish Office.

**Tales of a Country Parish, 7.30pm 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

## O T H E R

**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.

**Vacancies in the Diocese.** There are a couple of new admin vacancies on the diocesan website – one for a PA to Bishop Alan and another for a part time DBS Administrator for the safeguarding team. Please do consider whether you know of anyone who may be suitable for these roles.

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/other-vacancies/#>

**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

Monday	10am - noon 1pm- 4pm 6pm – 8pm	Hall sorting Hall Sorting Choir Social at the Vicarage
Tuesday	10am – noon 1pm – 4pm	Hall sorting Hall sorting
Wednesday	10.30am 12.30pm	Holy Eucharist Ministry Team Meeting
Thursday	Noon 2.30pm	Burial of Ashes in the Memorial Garden MU Picnic at the Vicarage
Saturday	10am	Baptism preparation in Church.

## NEXT SUNDAY

8am and 9.30am services for Feast of the Transfiguration (with Baptisms)  
New Testament: 2 Peter 1.16-19; Gospel: Luke 9.28-36

### **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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