



7th August 2022: Transfiguration

Season: Ordinary Time. **Feast Day:** The Transfiguration of Jesus is an event where Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36) describe it, and the Second Epistle of Peter also refers to it (2 Peter 1:16–18). It is celebrated as a Major Festival in many churches, including the Anglican Church. **Liturgical Colour:** White **Why?** White symbolizes purity, light, glory, and joy.

8.00am **Holy Communion** (spoken) in the Lady Chapel
Followed by Coffee in the Hall

9.30am **Parish Eucharist with Baptism of Mint, Tay, Cora and Brodie Findlay**

President: The Vicar

Deacon and preacher: Anne Edwards

New Testament Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-19

Reader: Jo Winfield

Gospel: Luke 9.28-36

Intercessions: Margaret Charlston

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)

Hymns: - 588, 236, 546, 460, 430, 763i

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.
- 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

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Peter 1.16-19

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

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 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, Shaun McBride, Patricia Long

To be baptised in August: Mint, Tay, Cora and Brodie Findlay, Grace Kierney, Willim Rooke, Asher Ferguson-Gould

In their year's mind: Christine Gee, Ken Hollows, Margaret Baxter, Robert Bashford (7th), Frederick Luck (8th), Florence Clare (9th), Minnie Wood, Benjamin Holden (10th), Dorothy Freeman, Hilda Luck (11th), Fred Best, Marie Bailey, Philip Noble (12th)

For the homes and families in

Sunday	Mons Close, Nairn Close
Monday	Netherfield Road, Newton Close
Tuesday	Oak Way, Oakfield Road
Wednesday	Oakhurst Avenue, Oakley Road
Thursday	Paddock Wood, Parva Close
Friday	Pendennis Court, Pennycroft
Saturday	Piggottshill Lane, Pipers Avenue

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*

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.

Visiting clergy holiday cover. As the Vicar takes sometime off over summer, we are pleased to welcome Bishop Stephen Venner (14th August) and Revd Geoff Laycock (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 on online in the calendar entry, or in the August e-newsletters. Pewsheets will be available in Church for those who would like them.

C O M I N G U P

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 proceeds 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!

O T H E R

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 2pm	Prayer During the Day St Luke's Cell Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
Thursday	12pm	Funeral of Elizabeth Noble

NEXT SUNDAY

8am and 9.30am services Parish Eucharist for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary NT: *Galatians 4.4-7* Gospel: *Luke 1.46- 55*

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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