





SPRING 2025

Features		Community Action	
Mothering Sunday Lifestyle Change Success Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party! Beating the Bounds	25 12 19 9	Southdown Performing Arts Centre Plant Stall for Children's Society Eco Church Mother's Union	1° 14 1.
Easter at St John's		Regulars	
Lent services and activities Holy Week and Easter	16 17	Vicar's Welcome Curate's Corner Need a prayer?	25 13
News to Know		Parish Registers Services Monday to Sunday	29 30
Spring brings music Paddington Bear thanks you Local Treasures: Locksmith Larry Did you know?	5 9 27 13	EDITOR Susan Kerr magazine@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk	
Family Life		DESIGN Hornpie	
NEW Jr & Mini Church NEW Children's creative page Little Acorns Toddler Service	26 11 23 23	hornpie.com  PRINT  Paragon  uk.paragon.world	
		Copy deadline for the Spring issue: Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	





# Vicar's Welcome

elcome to the spring issue of the quarterly magazine from your local Parish Church! It doesn't feel like that long ago we celebrated the birth of Jesus, and as we approach Easter, I invite you to join us as we journey with Jesus towards his death and rising to new life. As well as our services you'll find lots of other useful things inside, from our Lifestyle Course to details of professional music



performances taking place in church to a full outline of when our Junior and Mini Church meet - and lots more! Do look inside. As always, if you are part of a local community group, and you'd like to share what you do to a wider audience, then please get in touch.

Revd Tim Vickers Vicar of St John's Harpenden

www.stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

# Spring brings music to St John's

Saturday 1st March Lea Singers Fauré's Requiem

www.leasingers.co.uk

7.00pm

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 3.00pm An Afternoon of Flute and Piano Jade Bultitude and Sophie Crowley www.sophiecrowleymusic.com

Contact websites for information and tickets.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025





Specialising in Harpenden Property for over 30 years



RESIDENTIAL SALES



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



**NEW HOMES** 



LAND ACQUISITION



PROBATE VALUATIONS

www.harpendenproperty.co.uk

01582 766018

# Southdown Performing **Arts Centre (SPACe)**



Our aim at SPACe is to be a Christian performing arts centre offering an affordable and inclusive community space with events which explore life and faith. We believe that performing arts can really engage all ages and provide joy and fun as well as giving food for thought.

SPACe is based in the former Southdown Methodist Church building where we have been holding events since September. These include a Quiz night, professional theatre company production by Riding Lights and two performances of a Christmas Nativity show on "Lights Up" evening.

We also took part in the Walking to Bethlehem event organised on Christmas Eve by Tim Vickers.



Our Spring programme will include the following events:

Saturday March 1st Ceilidh. Join us at this barn dance with the Brookfield Band, fun for all the family. A light supper will be served. Tickets £12, £8 concessions and £3 for children under 16.

**Saturday March 15**th Jazz evening with Chris Burrett and his jazz combo. Tickets £5

Tickets for both of the above events are available on ticketsource.co.uk/southdownspace or by calling 07899 536580

Easter Holiday drama club April 7th-11th, 10am - 3pm For children aged 7-11 Led by professional Drama teacher, Becky Coote For more information email office@southdownspace.org

May 16th-18th High Street Players production – more details on hsplayers.org.uk

Find us at 116 Southdown Road, Harpenden AL5 1QQ (opposite the Coop)

For more information about us and these events visit www.southdownspace.org





OSTEOPATHY SPORTS THERAPY MASSAGE MUMMY MOT'S CRANIAL &

PAEDIATRIC OSTEOPATHY

INJURY REHABILITATION







# HARPENDEN BASED **INTERNET. WIFI & CCTV SERVICES**

**WE HELP HOMES AND BUSINESSES WITH:** 

**SLOW INTERNET** 

WIFI COVERAGE

**ETHERNET CABLING** 

**CCTV SYSTEMS** 

**INTRUDER ALARMS** 

01582 383280 WWW.COUNTRIFI.CO.UK



Professional Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning 01582 715641 and 07870 946269



# st JOHN S Living God's Love Christmas

# Appeal

Thanks to your generosity, we raised

for the ministry of the Anglican Church in Lima (and had fun doing it too).

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Appeal at St John's. We will report back in future editions how the funds have been put to good use.

# **BEATING THE BOUNDS** Sunday 25th May, 1.00pm

Up for a good healthy walk in good company? Come along and Beat the Bounds on Rogation Sunday 25th May. Walking the parish boundary lines annually each spring is a centuries-old tradition to affirm the parish territory. St John's boundaries make a route eight miles long! This year we plan to walk the boundary in segments. You have the option: all eight miles, or choose a section. Meet at 1.00pm outside St John's Church.

Watch for details in May, or contact Revd Tim for information. vicar@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk



New, easy access Chiropody/Podiatry Clinic 18 Broadfields AL5 2HJ

# Susan Hammersley MRCPod.

Having moved from Southdown, Susan now offers the same quality service in new premises.

Visit: Harpendenchiropody.com Email: susan.chiropodist@outlook.com Tel: 07811290215

#### **CHRIS HEWITT CYCLES**

Repairs & Renovations
Bicycle, Tricycle & Tandem Specialists
Harpenden's Longest
Established Cycle Business
Tel: 01582 763622

Cycles built to order; Wheelbuilding; Large range of spares & accessories stocked; New & secondhand cycles supplied to order.

# STEPHANIE RANDALL THE FLOWER STUDIO

2 Leyton Green, Harpenden Herts, AL5 2TE TEL 01582 769919

www.stephanierandall-theflowerstudio.co.uk

# Glaze Time

#### Pottery painting for everyone

We run weekly term time sessions in central Harpenden & Southdown www.glazetime.co.uk

We also offer private bookings, takeaway kits, clay impressions & commissions.

For more info please contact Michelle on **07958 324520** 







# CG ACCOUNTING LIMITED



Offering accounting, bookkeeping & tax services to suit all businesses

Self-Assessment, PAYE, VAT, Bookkeeping, Payroll, Management Accounts, Annual Accounts Compliance

Contact Caroline Guy on

Mobile: 07786 863050 Email: info@cgaccounting.co.uk www.cgaccounting.co.uk





Our future *starts here* 

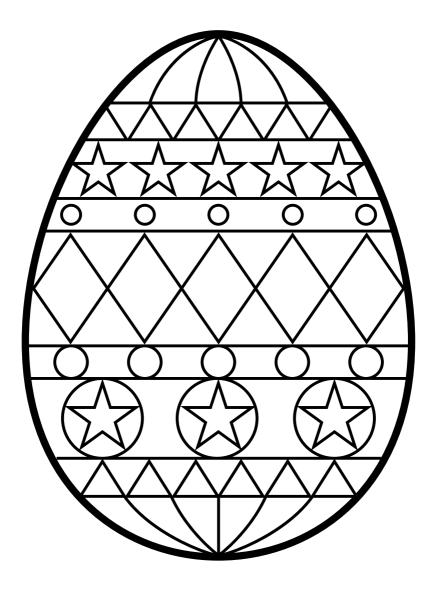
Join us at our Open Morning Friday 16 May at 9:00am

An award-winning independent co-educational preparatory school for ages 3 to 13, offering day and flexi-boarding in Hertfordshire.

beechwoodpark.com



# Choose your five favourite colours and **DECORATE AN EGG!**



Come to St John's for the All Age Easter Service 10.00am Sunday 20th April and the Easter Egg Hunt afterwards!

# Lifestyle Change

The free St John's Lifestyle Change programme supports people living with Type 2 diabetes, prediabetes, obesity, or overweight. Lead by qualified health coach Eranda Wickramasinghe, the course was launched last autumn and fully subscribed. The next intake will be this spring, with 12 places available. This free programme offers a kind and supportive peer group, a comprehensive course book, and a WhatsApp group



Obesity, Overweight, Type 2 Diabetes, Prediabetes Sustainable Remission

for sharing experiences and mutual encouragement.

The programme assumes it will take six months for participants to learn the basics and begin tailoring lifestyle changes to their needs, followed by a year of reasonable consistency (not perfection) to achieve lasting, transformational change. Over 90% of people with prediabetes achieve remission, and 9 out of 10 people living with Type 2 diabetes experience improved quality of life.

It's all about progress, not perfection—because real, meaningful change happens gradually. You are the best person to make important decisions in your own life, and this programme is about empowerment, not prescription.

To register your interest, please contact the parish office at: parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk or email eranda.p.w@gmail.com.





# DID YOU KNOW?



St John's part of Harpenden Common is home to some special apple trees. This is the right time to keep an eye on them because the leaves of apple trees come before the blossom, unlike other fruit trees. After the leaves it's 3 – 4 weeks until the flowers appear. But then, different apple varieties bloom at different times from April to June. All the varieties in the Common orchard are local to Hertfordshire, so think of them as heritage apples. There's even one named St Albans Pippin.

### Need a prayer?

St Luke's Cell Prayer Group are always happy to pray for you (confidentially if needed). The group is named after the disciple and physician Luke, who is the patron saint of doctors. A request can be as simple as a name, if preferred. We don't need to know details in order to pray. Members pray individually and also meet monthly to pray for anyone in the parish who asks for prayers for themselves or for their loved ones.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else then please contact Michael Hughes 01582 765576

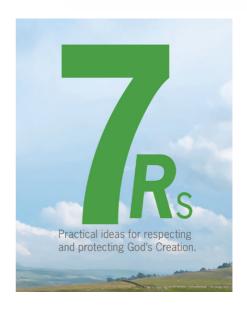


# The Seven Rs

Practical tips for respecting and caring for our wonderful world.

It is often said that the basics for reducing our environmental footprint are the Three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. But is this enough? To just cut down a bit, try to reuse the occasional plastic bag or bottle, and recycle when we remember to?

We can now see the threats to our planet which scientists have been predicting for decades – the loss of garden insects and birds, plastic in the oceans, more frequent and extreme weather events.



We are continually bombarded with advertising and images trying to convince us that to be happy, we need to buy more or travel to more exciting places.

Almost everything we buy has a carbon footprint, and much is packaged in unrecyclable plastic. Put simply, by buying less we can reduce the rate at which natural resources are used up and the Earth is polluted (and of course, save money). The Green Christian organisation proposes not three but seven 'Rs' which may help us reduce our consumption and find joy in the free gifts we are given.

Rejoice in all that we have been given in the natural world.

**Refuse** to believe the adverts

Reduce – buy less, travel less, worry less

Reuse – avoid single-use items

Repair - don't bin it, fix it

**Rent, borrow or share** – ownership is over-rated. Especially tools, books, camping equipment

Recycle – as a last resort

Margaret Charlston, St John's Eco Church group. With thanks to Green Christian greenchristian.org.uk

# Mothers' Union

# Mothers IN

'Nothing is so beautiful as Spring When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush.'

So wrote Gerard Manley Hopkins in the poem 'Spring'. It speaks to us of a fresh start, full of hope, and this spirit of optimism that Spring brings is heralded by nature as plants now bloom forth after a cold, hard winter.

We look back to December when we had a busy time crafting and making in the church hall. We also handed over boxes of new tovs and books for children at three local domestic refuges, and we shared the joy of a festive tea after an Advent Service in the Lady Chapel.



MU happy crafting evening with the Brownies in the church hall.

Thursday 6th March, Charlotte Ballard Scott visits to tell us about the work of a family solicitor.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, we welcome Lewis Cox, Worship and Communication Co-ordinator at High Street Methodist.

Thursday 1st May, Captain Kenneth Guest will widen our knowledge about the work of the Salvation Army.

Please pick up a copy of our 2025 programme of events in the church porch. We welcome visitors to our meetings in the church hall Committee room at 2.30pm on the first Thursday of the month.

Carol Cooke, Branch Leader. Contact parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk





St John's Mothers' Union worked hard to make over 70 Christingles for the family friendly Christingle service on 8th December.

# Lent, Holy Week and The keystone of the Church year is Holy

# **Lent**

Lent begins on 5<sup>th</sup> March and continues for forty days, a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Tuesday 4th March SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

4.30pm and 6.30pm Church Hall

Tickets from Parish Office. See page 19

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30am Eucharist with imposition of Ashes

in the Lady Chapel

8.00pm Sung Eucharist with imposition of Ashes

Thursday 13th March

5.00pm Sung Evensong at St John's

Sunday 16th March

5.00pm Contemplative Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 23rd March

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Sunday 30th March

9.30am Mothering Sunday All Age Eucharist

5.00pm Contemplative Sung Taizé Service

Wednesday 9th April

7.00pm Tenebrae Service

A Tenebrae service is a Christian tradition that takes place in the dark and involves the gradual extinguishing of candles. The word tenebrae is Latin for "darkness". The service is a meditation on Christ's suffering and death.

# Easter... St John's 2025 Week, which this year is 13th - 20th April.

# Holy Week and Easter 2025

Please make a note of the schedule of services below – the most important in the church year. We do encourage you to immerse yourselves in these powerful services in Holy Week as we enter a kind of 'real time', reliving and being drawn into the dramatic events of the final days in Jesus' life that lead to our salvation.

Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel 8.00am

**Procession of Palms** 9.30am

Starting outside Southdown Performing Arts

Centre, leading to St John's for

Parish Eucharist with Reading of the Passion

Music and Readings for Holy Week 5.00pm

Thursday 17th April **MAUNDY THURSDAY** 

Maundy Thursday Meal. An immersive 7.00pm

celebration of the Eucharist, over a simple dinner in St John's Church Hall, followed by a candle-lit procession to the church for the service of the watch. All welcome, but do sign

up via the Parish Office.

Friday 18th April **GOOD FRIDAY** 

ALL AGE SERVICE at St John's 10.00am

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY with 2.00pm

COMMUNION

Sunday 20th April **EASTER DAY** 

6.00am DAWN SERVICE at All Saints Batford

Followed by a vegetarian breakfast

HOLY COMMUNION in the Lady Chapel 8.00am

**ALL AGE EUCHARIST** 10.00am

Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

# Is Your Computer Misbehaving?



### Harpenden Computer Services Making IT Simple!

www.HarpendenComputerServices.co.uk

Macs | PCs | iPads | Smartphones | Internet | Email | Backups | Data Recovery



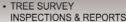


## 01582 840144

www.highelmstreesurgery.co.uk

- NPTC CERTIFIED
- POLLARDING
- RESHAPING
- STUMP REMOVAL
   AGRICULTURAL SERVICES CALL-OUT
- · HEDGES TRIMMED.
- DEAD WOODING
- REDUCTIONS

- LOGS DELIVERED SHAPED & REMOVED . TREE REMOVAL
- CROWN LIFTING
- T.P.O. & PLANNING **APPLICATIONS** 24hr EMERGENCY







No Job too small • FREE Estimates & Advice • Fully Insured to £10 million & Approved by Local Authorities

Herts, Beds, Bucks & London + we will beat any written quotation

# CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT TAX SPECIALISTS

# www.hicks.co.uk

- Free Initial Consultation (Quote STJOHN25)
- Personal Tax Returns Tax Planning
- Sole Trader, Partnership and Limited **Company Accounts**
- Bookkeeping VAT Pavroll
- Specialists in Business Startups and Company Formations
- Help with R & D Claims

#### TAX OFFICE:

8 Harding Parade, Station Road. Harpenden, AL5 4SW

Tel: **01582 463 590** 

Email: tax@hicks.co.uk or admin@hicks.co.uk

Registered to carry on Audit work in the UK by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wale

**ACCOUNTANTS** 

# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party!

On the day before Ash Wednesday, join us at St John's Church Hall for an epic pancake party. There will be two sittings, 4.30pm to 6.30pm, where 17th Harpenden Rainbows will help us serve pancakes. Or from 6.30pm to 7.30pm where Harpenden 14th Rainbow will help us serve pancakes. All welcome but to help us know numbers in advance please purchase a ticket.

Tuesday 4th March 4.30pm or 6.30pm Tickets in advance £5.00, from the Parish Office parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk 01582 7712776









# Please support our

# CHARITY PLANT STALL

Perennials, Annuals, Dahlias, House plants, Vegetable plants

# Saturday 10 May 2025 9 am - 12 noon

Harpenden High Street on the Concourse (opposite the Library and Boots)

All proceeds to

# The Children's Society

Payment by card, cash or cheque





















# Miriam Louise CBT Cognitive Behaviour Therapist

Supporting people with
Anxiety-Panic-Depression-OCDPhobias-Stress-PTSD -Drug & Alcohol
concerns, learn new skills and ways of
thinking in order to feel better.



https://www.facebook.com/Miriamscbt flexible appointment times available; telephone, video call and in person.





#### St Albans

Dartmouth House 68 Alma Road St Albans AL1 3BL

01727851006

#### Harpenden

Parchment House 9 Victoria Road Harpenden AL5 4EB 01582 461100

#### Marshalswick

Marshal House 67 The Quadrant Marshalswick AL4 9RD 01727 812244

Watford

#### (incorporating

Macleans Funeral Funeral Directors) 837 St Albans Road Watford WD25 OLH

01923 968880

#### Bushev

(incorporating Hemley Funeral Directors) 35 Harcourt Road, Bushey WD23 3PP 02081 312 969





# St John's Hall Hire

Are you looking for a hall or meeting room to hire on either a regular or occasional basis?

St John's Parish Hall has availability for hire during weekdays and weekends and is ideal for a group needing a large space. Our meeting room is perfect for smaller numbers.

Please contact: parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk or phone (01582) 712776 for further details or to arrange a viewing.



HARPENDEN VILLAGE INNER WHEEL CLUB

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA AND CHAT**



### THE HARPENDEN TRUST'S WELL BEAN CAFE Above the Co-op on Southdown Road (Lift access available)

At a loose end on a Sunday afternoon? Why not drop in at the Well Bean Cafe for a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of cake and a chat between 2.30 - 4.00pm

Sunday 9th March 2025

The Harpenden Trust has kindly allowed the members of Harpenden Village Inner Wheel Club to open the Well Bean cafe on these days. Members will be on hand to make a drink, serve cake and have a chat if you feel like it. There is no charge but a donation towards the cost of refreshments would be welcome.

Dear Reader,

Happy Spring! We have a favour to ask. When you contact businesses who advertise in our pages, kindly let them know: 'I saw you in St John's Parish Magazine.' Their adverts help to support the magazine, and your words will help too!

> Susan Kerr Editor

#### IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS PRACTICAL HELP...

Good local sources of confidential practical support for food, school uniforms, furniture, energy costs, personal advice, funding, vouchers and more:

The Harpenden Trust. See online <u>www.theharpendentrust.org.uk</u> Or ring 01582 460457, email admin@theharpendentrust.org.uk or come in person to the Trust's Centre, 90 Southdown Road, Harpenden AL5 1PS, 10am – 12noon Monday – Friday.

HertsHelp. Trained friendly advisors are on hand to offer confidential assistance and can put you in touch with helpful services and support locally. Call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net



An independent day school for Girls aged 4-11 and a Nursery for Boys & Girls from 2 years



# An Afternoon of Flute and Piano

featuring
Jade Bultitude and Sophie Crowley

Sunday 27th April 2025 at 3pm

St John's Church, Harpenden AL5 1DJ

Join us for an intimate performance of beautiful flute and piano music in the tranquil atmosphere of St John's Harpenden, played by local musicians Jade Bultitude and Sophie Crowley. Be moved by the sounds of composers from the Romantic period including Saint-Saens, Reinecke, Feld and many more.

Tickets available at www.sophiecrowleymusic.com/events/

# Little Acorns

Little Acorns is a friendly toddler group for babies, pre-school children and their carers.



On 4th March we celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancake races! Little Acorns

We meet in St. John's Hall on Tuesdays, 10.00 – 11.30am. This a friendly group where parents and carers have a chance to have a coffee, homemade cake and chat. All are welcome. The children enjoy a healthy snack, activities, a story and singing.

Term time dates:

Spring term 25th February - 1st April No meetings 8th and 15th April (Easter holidays) New term: 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 20<sup>th</sup> May

No booking necessary. A voluntary donation is all that is asked. For more information, please contact parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk Telephone 01582 712776









# Toddler Service

You and your toddler are invited to St John's inclusive, relaxed toddler service Thursdays at 10.15 in term time. We start in church with a hot drink and cake, then tell a Bible story with an interactive craft. You don't need to be baptised or a member of St John's to come. It's a welcoming space, do join us! To find out more, why not email the Vicar at vicar@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

Term dates, Thursdays, 10.15am: Current term 24th February - 3rd April After Easter holidays, we resume 24th April - 22nd May



# ALL BRICKWORK UNDERTAKEN GARDEN WALLS TO EXTENSIONS

Specialising in House Repointing and Renovations

QUALIFIED TRADESMAN

DAVID SAMPSON

TEL: 01582 762773





# Your Local Chartered Building Surveyors

Design & Planning drawings Building Regulation drawings Project Management Party Wall Agreements Building Surveys

Free initial site visit

07968 728704 info@mb-surveyors.co.uk www.mb-surveyors.co.uk



# **DAVIS&CO**

CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Looking for expert guidance on Inheritance Tax (IHT) and Trust Planning, Wills, and Probate?

At Davis & Co LLP, we provide tailored solutions to protect your family's future.

Contact us at: Davis@davisllp.co.uk 01582 761121

## ! ADVERTISING SPACE!

Are you a local business who is looking to advertise in the local area? St John's Parish Magazine has one or two vacancies for available advertisements.

Please contact
parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk
for further details.

# MJG Builders Limited

Harpenden based Over 25 years experience

All general building work undertaken including:

Full Refurbishment | Extensions | Loft Conversions | Basements Kitchens | Bathrooms | *Call now for a Free Estimate* 

Tel: 01582 761815 M: 07702 190277 migproperty@btinternet.com

# Curate's Corner

# Mothering Sunday: a time to celebrate love and care

othering Sunday is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, this year 30th March. It is a day rich in meaning and tradition and a time to give thanks for mothers and for all who nurture, support, and care for others. Historically, this day was about returning to your 'mother church', the place where you were baptised or grew up in faith. For many, it became a day of reunion, family, and community. In the 16th century, it was also customary for those working away from home to visit their families on this special Sunday. As they travelled home, they would often gather wildflowers to give to their mothers, a tradition that continues today in the form of Mothering Sunday flowers.

However, the day is about more than biological motherhood. It is an opportunity to reflect on all the people in our lives who have cared for us with patience and love. They could be our parents including adoptive and foster parents, grandparents, teachers, friends, neighbours or members of our church family.

It is also a time to remember the nurturing care of God, who is described in Scripture with both fatherly and motherly qualities. In Isaiah 66:13, God says, 'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.' This reminds us that God's love is tender, constant, and sustaining. Mothering Sunday invites us to give thanks for that divine care, as well as for those who reflect it in our daily lives.

As we approach this Mothering Sunday, let us pray for and celebrate all who show love and compassion in our world. Let us also seek ways to nurture and care for one another, carrying forward the spirit of this special day into our everyday lives.

May God bless all who mother us in love.

Revd Ritah Namakula Curate of St John's Harpenden





# NEW!

# St John expands Junior and Mini Church

From March 2025 St John's increases Sundays with provision for children. We're delighted to announce this expanded programme, tailored around school term dates. Junior and Mini Church meet at 9.25AM in the church hall and rejoin their families half-way through the service so we share in Communion together.

Junior Church - For primary school ages, reception and up. Children learn about God in a fun and inclusive way, exploring arts and crafts and playing games for greater understanding.

Mini Church - For preschool children under 5 years old with their adult. A chance to explore, play and hear the story that Junior Church is learning.

All Age Eucharist - At 9.30AM we are all in church together, in a Communion service with the sermon and hymns geared for younger members.

## **Dates for Spring 2025**

2<sup>nd</sup> March All Age Eucharist

9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> March Junior and Mini Church

30th March All Age Eucharist

6<sup>th</sup> April All Age Eucharist

13<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday Junior and Mini Church

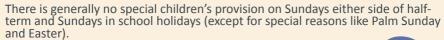
20th April All Age Eucharist

27th April Junior and Mini Church

4<sup>th</sup> May All Age Eucharist

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> May Junior and Mini Church

25<sup>th</sup> May No Junior and Mini Church (half-term)



For more information contact parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk Telephone 01582 712776



# Local Treasures: Locksmith Larry

Born and raised a 'Harpender', Larry Neal started locksmithing in 2005, and his son Dean joined the business in 2015. As a Southdown local you're probably familiar with their fluorescent green vans. A man of action and skill, Larry's been a firefighter for over 42 years, he's a Scouts Leader at 10th Harpenden Scouts, and he used to own The White Horse pub in Hatching Green. Locksmithing appeals to another side of Larry, 'You need to have time and patience when it comes to picking, installing and upgrading locks to insurance standards.'

#### Security tips from Larry and Dean

Lock all your doors and windows when leaving, you'll be surprised how many people locally still don't do this. With the correct tools someone can get into your house in 30 seconds.

Make sure your locks are all up to date and cover you on your insurance policy. If not and something does happen, insurance companies may refuse to pay out.

You'll panic if you're locked out. Save the number of a trusted, reliable 24/7 emergency locksmith in your phone.

Be careful when looking for locksmiths, and other trades people too. Make sure you know about the company before you go ahead. Look for the Hertfordshire Trading Standards Approved logo, and search Which? Trusted Traders, two really important qualifications.



# K.S. & K.G.TYLER — Motor Engineers —

# All makes of cars serviced and repaired

60A Cravells Road | 01582 713328 Harpenden, Herts

Established since 1964

#### Ken Hodson Computer Hardware and Software Repairs

- Upgrades and Advice for Home and Business
- No fix, no fee for all repairs you have nothing to lose
- Most repairs carried out in your home, if not the computer will be picked up from and delivered back to you

Telephone: 07974 156743 or 01582 794723 Email: enquiries@kenhodsoncomputerservices.co.uk







Aroma Catering: Your Weekly Meal Solution!

Tired of cooking every day? Let Aroma Catering bring the joy of home-cooked meals to your table! We offer delicious, freshly prepared daily and weekly meals tailored to your preferences. Make life easier and tastier with Aroma Catering. Contact us to customise your meal plan and experience the convenience of prepped meals every day.

Aroma Catering - Where EveryMeal Feels Like Home.

Phone: 07517103130







# Parish registers

### **Baptisms**

Welcome to the family of God

13th October 2024 Ava-Roe Wharton-Jones Eloise Tiffany Warren

27th October 2024 Sienna Carmen Valentina O'Brien

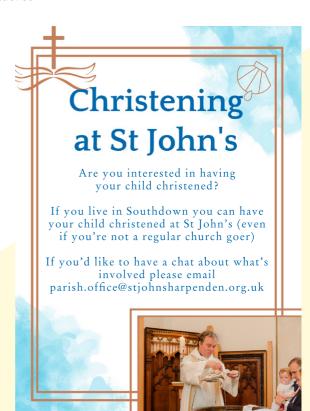
17th November 2024 Elliot Warren Alice Theresa McNamara

30th December 2024 Lola Antonia Velucci Taliadoros

#### Funerals in Church

May they rest in peace

30th October 2024 Hermione Bryce





# Regular Services at St John's

### Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

9.30am Parish Eucharist (also live streamed) followed by coffee in the hall.

All Age Eucharist, normally 1st and last Sundays of the month

5.00pm Evening service, see website for details

Wednesdays

10.30am Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel

Monday - Friday inclusive

9.30am Morning prayer is said

Church is open every day from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Service times may change so please check the calendar on our website or sign up there to our weekly or monthly newsletter <a href="www.stjohnsharpenden.org.uk">www.stjohnsharpenden.org.uk</a>

Watch our Parish Eucharist and other special services on our YouTube channel - search for "St John's Church, Harpenden" or visit:

https://www.youtube.com/StJohnsChurchHarpenden

The Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 10.00am - 2.00pm



#### PARISH OFFICE

For enquiries, including marriages, baptisms, funerals and hall bookings, please contact the parish office.

#### OPEN

MONDAY - THURSDAY 10.00am - 2.00pm

#### Amanda Knights

Telephone: 01582 712776 parish.office@ stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

If you are in need of help or know anyone in need of support, please contact support@stjohnsharpenden. org.uk

#### Parish Directory

#### VICAR

#### Revd Tim Vickers

Telephone: 01582 469343

vicar@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

#### CURATE

#### Revd Ritah Namakula

Telephone: 07301 035089

ritah@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

#### READERS

#### Lauryn Awbrey

Telephone: 01582 624823

lauryn.awbrey@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

#### David Nye

Telephone: 01582 762785 dandhnye@btinternet.com

#### Anne Edwards

Telephone: 01582 767449

#### WARDENS

#### Position vacant

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

#### Matt Harrison

music@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

#### TREASURER

#### Alison Bygrave

treasurer@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk

Our magazine is published four times a year and is delivered free to all homes and businesses in the parish.

We are very grateful to those who write contributions and the many volunteers who distribute and deliver the magazines, come rain or shine, to everyone in the parish.

We welcome advertisements and are delighted to be able to provide full colour.

St John's PCC takes no responsibility for statements made in advertisements or other content in this magazine nor linked websites, nor for any matter arising therefrom.

To protect privacy, personal email addresses do not appear in the web edition, unless requested.





What's going on in the lead-up to Easter, and beyond

www.stjohnsharpenden.org.uk St John's Church, 5 St John's Road, Harpenden, Herts AL5 1DJ Parish Office 01582 712776

