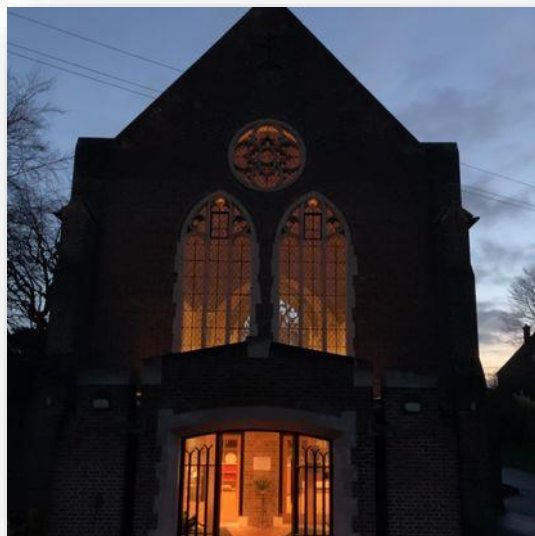




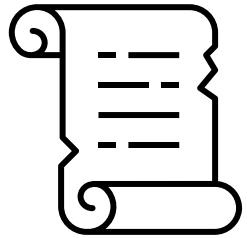
# Year in review 2022

## APCM

Sunday 26 March  
2023



# St. John's in figures...



Electoral Roll (at APCM)

**182**

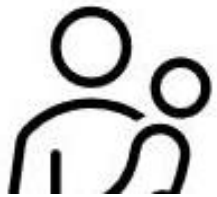
172 last year

2 people passed away

5 people either moved or no longer attend

1 person resigned

18 people joined the electoral roll



Average weekly attendance

**Under 16**

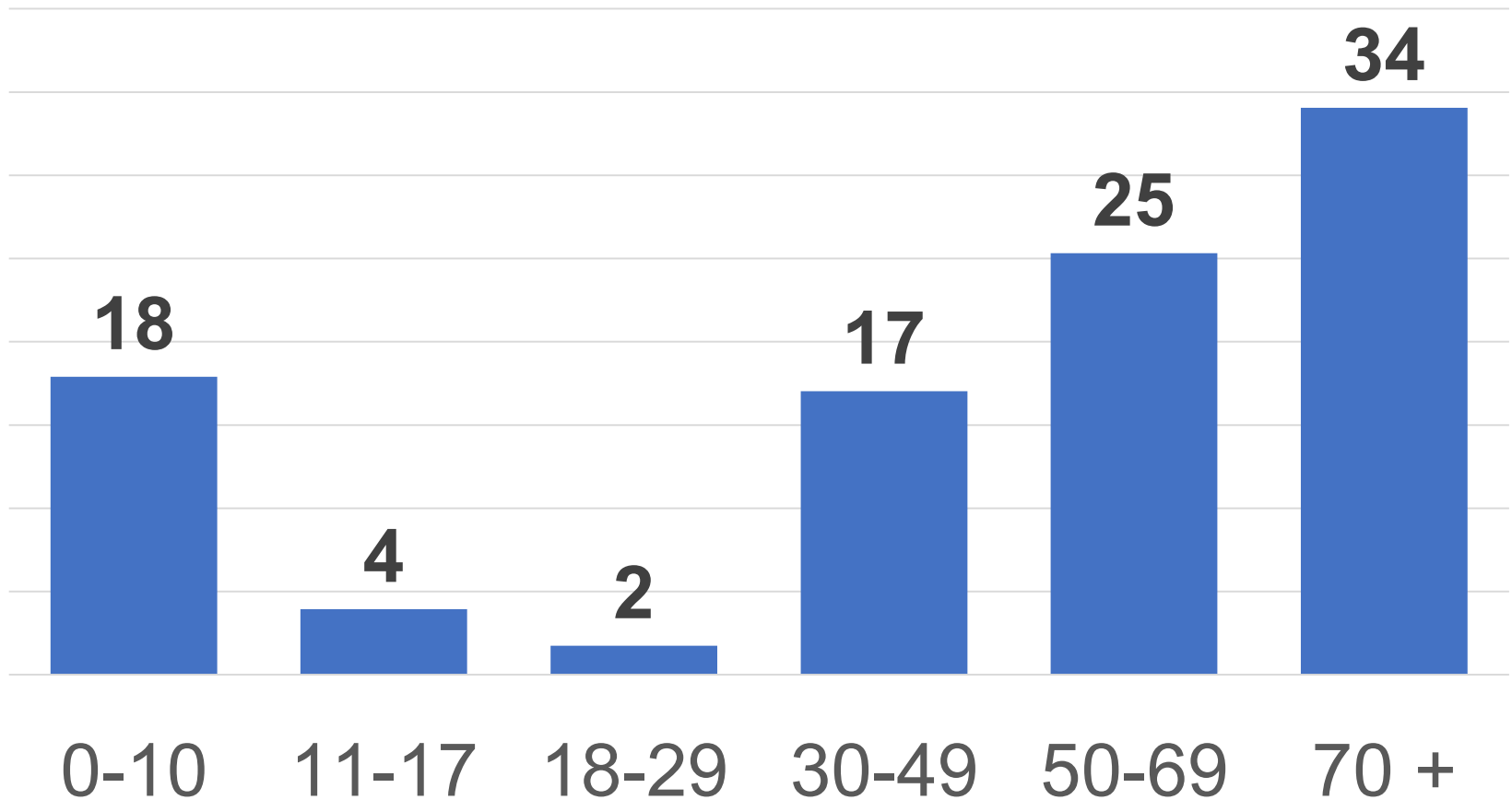
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**Adult**

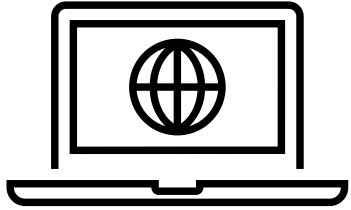
**74**

# St. John's in figures...

## Congregation age profile Percentage split October 2022



# Worship



**Online watching** – compared to 2021

**31** Videos (73 in 2021)

**55** live streamed services

**6,500** views (9,860)

**809** hours watched (1,778)

**28** new followers (41)



**27** Baptisms

**3** Weddings

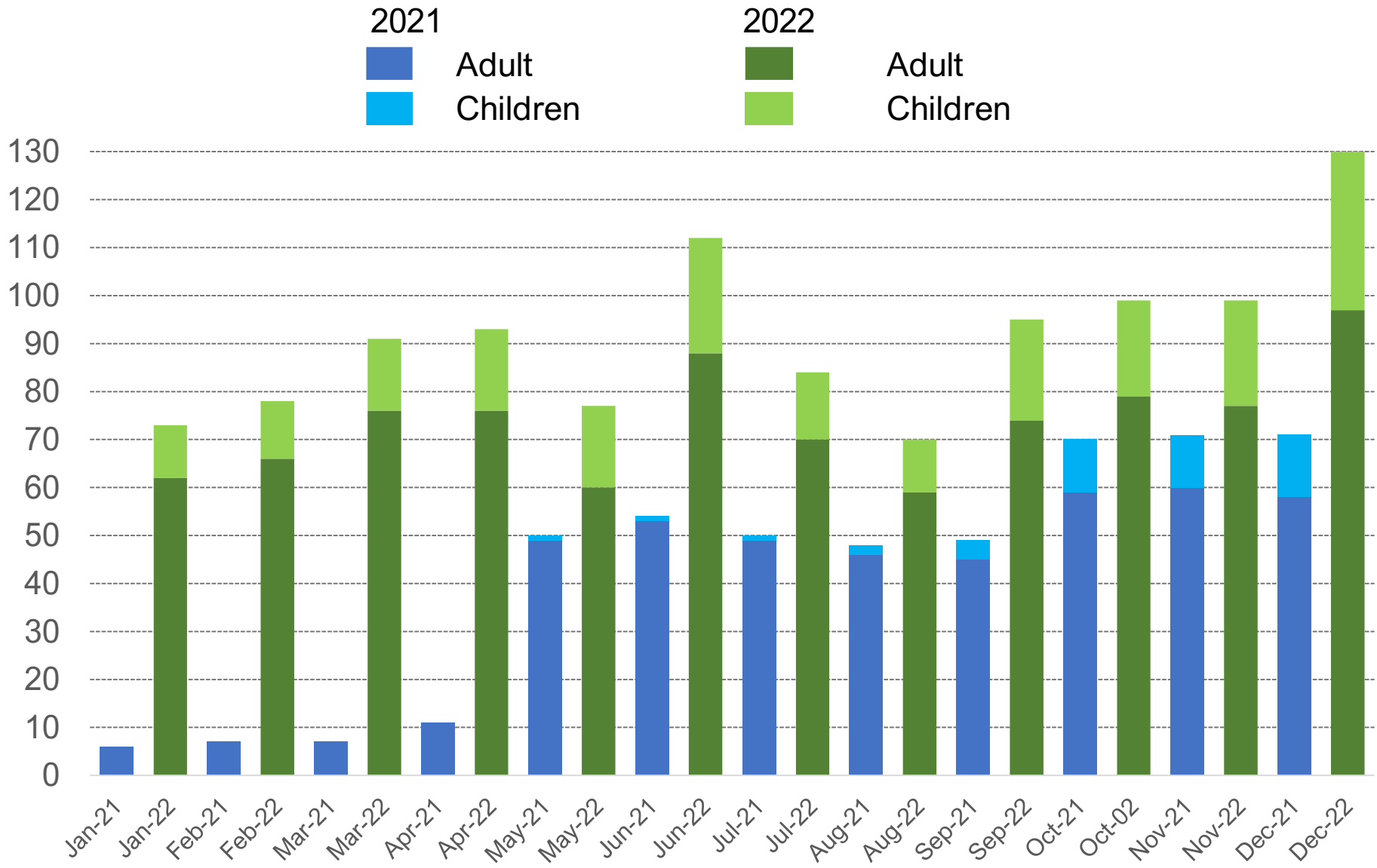
**20** Funerals

**3** Confirmations

**9** First Communions

# Worship

## Average Sunday attendance through 2021 and 2022

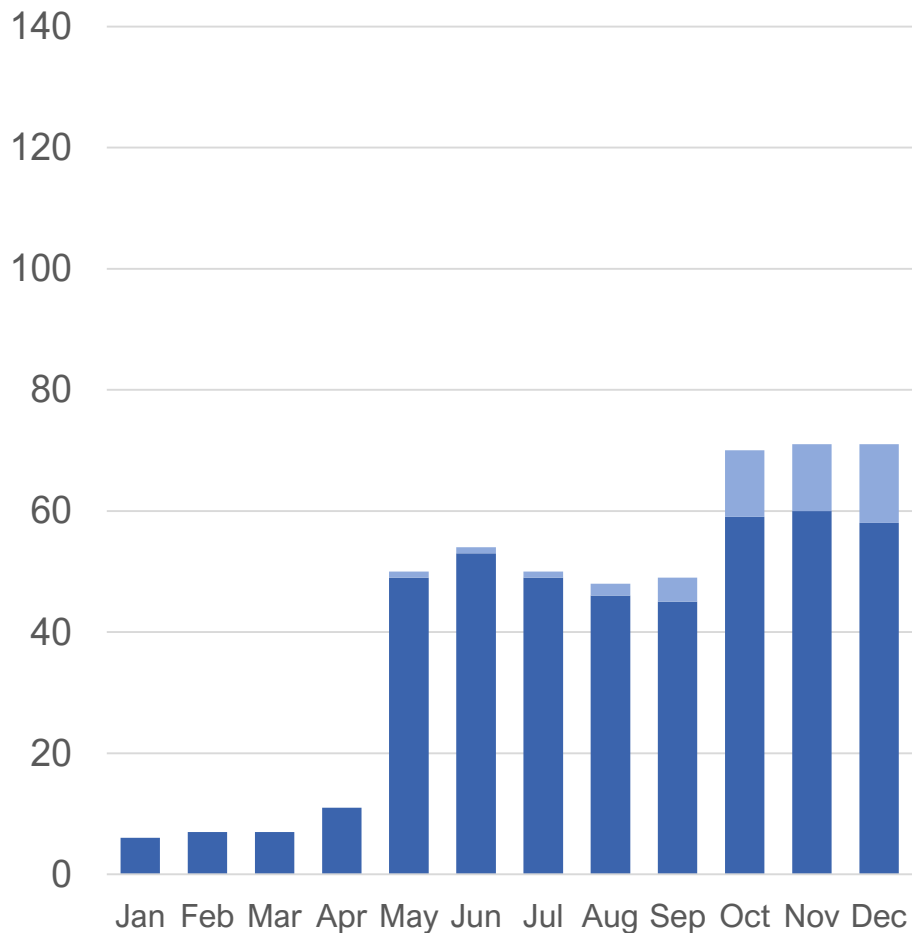


# Worship

## Average Sunday attendance

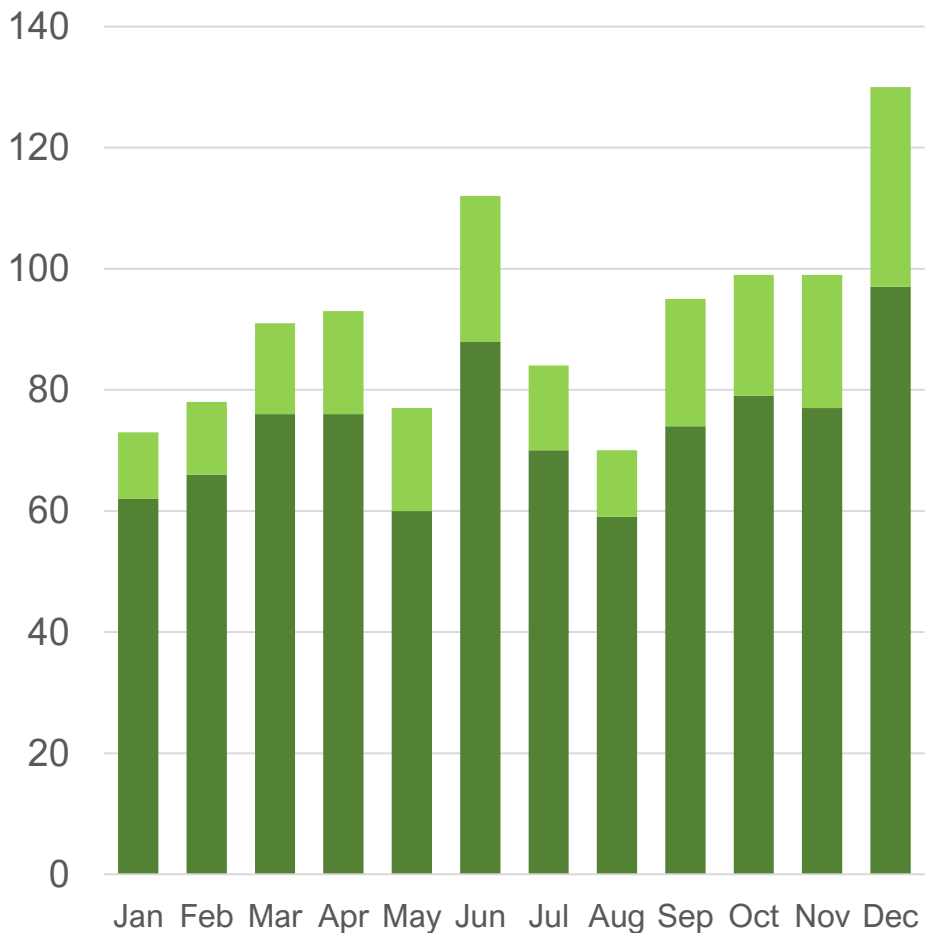
2021

■ Adult ■ Children



2022

■ Adult ■ Children



# Giving



At year end 2022...

**95** (100 in 2021) regular planned givers

**67** (77) monthly standing order

**3** (5) weekly or monthly envelopes

**25** (18) Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

**£163,974** planned giving – 163% of Parish Share  
(incl. Gift Aid; excl. envelopes, loose plate/donations)

**£100,862** Parish Share



## Giving – Project Phoenix

Amount given in 2022 – **£64,832**

Total amount given so far **£287,000**

Target for end of 2022 **£283,000**  
(out of £500,000 pledged)





# Giving - charities

Every year at St John's we give away 10% of our voluntary income to charities we support. We do this because everything we have is a gift from God and it's important to use what we have to enrich others.

In 2021 we gave just over £4,500 each to the Harpenden Trust, A Rocha UK and DEC for Ukraine.



Charitable Giving

Each year we choose 3 charities to donate to. One local, one national and one international

For 2021 we chose:

- Harpenden Trust
- A Rocha UK
- DEC for Ukraine

And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.



Christmas Appeal for Christian Aid

A big thank you to all those who donated towards our Christmas Appeal across our Christmas services in 2022.

We managed to raise over £1000 which is a truly amazing amount.



St John's Harpenden Concert for Ukraine

THANK YOU

To all of the amazing performers, Nick from the Harpenden Trust and all who came and supported. We raised over

**£1000**

(exact amount to be confirmed)

A special thank you to our Ukrainian performers, who sung beautifully and told their story, really bringing home why we were all there.

# Pastoral

Those who have died:

Joan Allen	18 January
Simon Creedy	14 February
Barbara Greaves	18 March
Constance Evelyn Whiting	23 March
Caroline Ballard	6 September
Alan Webster	10 September



# Key church events....

- Epiphany choral
- Mothering Sunday
- Easter
- Patronal Festival
- Death of Queen Elizabeth II
- Harvest Festival
- David Nye 40 year anniversary
- Advent / Christmas







# Children and young people

- In church – play area, involved in Sunday services (servers)
- Little Acorns (24 adults, 26 children weekly average)
- Junior Church (12 on average)
- Holiday club (28)
- School visits – the Grove and Aldwickbury





# Children and young people



## Lent and Easter Trail





# Children and young people



Starting again on Tuesday 2nd November



a group for  
toddlers  
and their carers  
friendly, supportive, fun

\* 10am-11.30am  
Tuesday mornings

St John's Church Hall,  
St John's Road, Southdown, AL5 1DJ

voluntary donation

**Little Acorns**

\*new time, new day term time only

**ST JOHN'S**  
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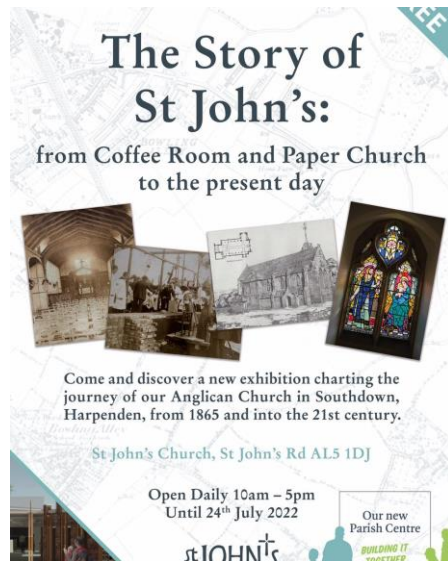


# Key 'social' events...

- Patronal BBQ
- Concert series

Ukraine Concert  
Sophie  
Sonorite

- Quiz
- Photographic exhibition





# Our buildings



Parish Hall



Vicarage



Linwood Road



# Our buildings



# Governance

- **PCC and Wardens:** Lauryn Awbrey; Anne Edwards; David Nye; Jane Donati; Heather Nye; Bill Moore; Martin Myers; Jacky Dodd; Jon Pitman; Naomi Burnett; Bryan Coventry; Nick Lockett; Liz Macdonald; Dawn Mason; Liz Newell; Liz Sergeant
- **9 meetings**
- Thanks to those standing down - **Jane Donati, Bill Moore, Jacky Dodd, Naomi Burnett, Dawn Mason, Liz Sergeant**
- Thanks to **those standing again**
- **Committees**



# Our staff...

**Julie**

until April 2022



**Anna**

from May 2022



**Roger**



**Barbara**



## New Curate

We found out in November we will be having a new curate

Ritah Namakula





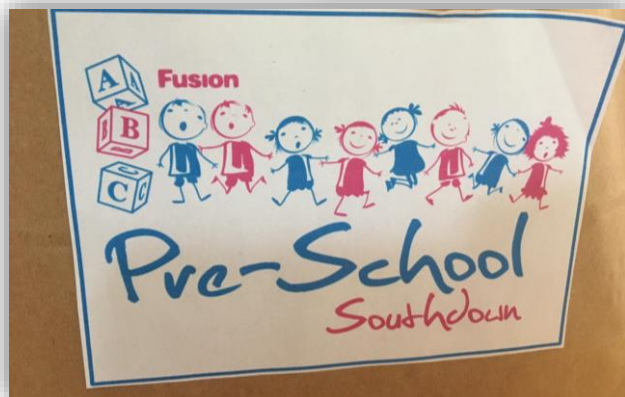
# Communications

- Magazine – new editor Susan Kerr
- Social media
  - **Facebook** reached **20,882** people
    - **43** new likes
    - **279** likes in total
    - **317** followers
  - **Instagram** 571 people
    - **134** followers
    - **22** more on insta
- New monthly podcast
- Hedge as noticeboard/communication



# Community links

- Fusion Pre school
- Soup lunch
- Slimming World rental
- Dance Club rental
- Harpenden Musical Theatre Company rental





## REPAIR FAIR

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**DON'T CHUCK IT, REPAIR IT!**

*Bring along your faulty electrical items and our team of skilled amateur fixers will do their best to put them right or offer advice. You may even learn how to repair things yourself!*





**ALL THIS FOR FREE**  
BUT ANY DONATIONS  
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

*Fabric and Bike repairs  
also offered at some  
events*




**Venue:**  
St. John's Church Hall  
Saint Johns Road  
Harpenden AL5 1DJ

**Date:** Saturday 15th October 22  
**Time:** 2 - 5pm

**Eventbrite booking:**



**Further details:**  
fixers@sustainablestalbans.org  
www.sustainablestalbans.org/st-albans-district-fixers  
https://www.facebook.com/groups/601867500905712/  
Registered Charity No. 1173118

**Sustainable St Albans**  
St Albans City & District Council



St John's Church  
St John's Road  
Harpenden  
AL5 1DJ

## Community Soup Lunch

Wednesday 12-2pm

Please join us as we meet each week to share a bowl of soup and enjoy some good company and conversation. We even have board games!

All are very welcome







**HARPENDEN  
MUSICAL THEATRE  
COMPANY**

# Groups

**Church  
@home**

**Live  
Streaming**

**Communi-  
cations**

**Church  
cleaning**

**Fabric**

**Flower  
Guild**

**Sound  
system**

**Sacristan**

**Faith &  
Light**

**Music**

**Junior  
Church**

**Eco-  
church**

**Little  
Acorns**

**St.  
Luke's  
Cell**

**Baptism  
prep.**

**Pastoral  
care**

**Servers**

**Project  
Phoenix**



# Thanks to ...

- Ministry team

Anne, Lauryn and David



- Wardens / PCC (especially Jacky and Jon Pitman)
- Our staff – Julie, Roger, Anna and Barbara
- People on rotas – reader / coffee intercessions
- Our choir and all who provide music
- Livestream / website / communications – Neil
- Servers – Michael, Sacristan
- All our volunteers

# Vicar's report

## 1 Corinthians 12.4-11

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

# Final prayer

Jesus, our Redeemer, we praise Your holy name for this time of gathering together.

Thank You for blessing the church with profound resources through the Holy Spirit and the Word.

We thank You for all that You have done for us.

We ask You to bless us as we dismiss.

May Your hand of protection be upon each of us, and may we each live boldly for You, regardless of what it might cost us.

We trust that You will sustain us, guide us, and protect us.

We pray in Your name.

Amen.