

CALENDAR

Sunday 7th Sunday after Easter	01-Jun-25	9am All Age Eucharist with Baptism at St John the Baptist 10.30am All Age Service at St Andrew's 6.30pm BCP Evensong Service at St Andrew's
Monday	02-Jun-25	9am Monday Coffee Morning at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	03-Jun-25	9.30am Prayer Group at Sue Hardwick's house 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	04-Jun-25	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets 10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall Midday Prayer at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	05-Jun-25	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall 10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Friday	06-Jun-25	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist
Sunday Pentecost	08-Jun-25	10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
Monday	09-Jun-25	9am Monday Coffee Morning at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	10-Jun-25	9.30am Prayer Group at Sue Hardwick's house 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	11-Jun-25	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets 10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets 7.30pm Confirmation Service at St Andrew's
Thursday	12-Jun-25	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall 10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion) 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Friday	13-Jun-25	2pm to 5pm Summer Event at St James' & 4pm Concert (ticketed)
Saturday	14-Jun-25	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist
Sunday Trinity Sunday	15-Jun-25	10.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets 2pm to 5pm Summer Event at St James'
Monday	16-Jun-25	9am Monday Coffee Morning at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	17-Jun-25	9.30am Prayer Group at Sue Hardwick's house 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	18-Jun-25	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets 10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall Midday Prayer at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	19-Jun-25	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall 10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Friday	20-Jun-25	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist
Sunday 1st Sunday after Trinity	22-Jun-25	10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's 6.30pm Patronal Evensong at St John the Baptist
Monday	23-Jun-25	9am Monday Coffee Morning at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	24-Jun-25	9.30am Prayer Group at Sue Hardwick's house 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	25-Jun-25	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets 10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	26-Jun-25	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Friday	27-Jun-25	10am Benefice Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall
Saturday	28-Jun-25	10.30am 5th Sunday Benefice Holy Communion at St James'
Sunday Peter & Paul, Apostles	29-Jun-25	
Monday	30-Jun-25	9am Monday Coffee Morning at The Wilshere Hall 9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer



The 3 Churches Benefice

NEWS & NOTICES ~ JUNE 2025

This year marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which opened on 19th June 325AD. Convened by Roman Emperor Constantine I in Nicaea (modern-day İznik, Turkey), the council brought together around 300 Christian bishops from across the Roman Empire to resolve the Arian controversy – a dispute over whether Jesus was fully divine. After over two months of debate, the council produced the Nicene Creed, affirming Christ's divinity and declaring Him 'of one being' with the Father. This creed became the cornerstone of Christian orthodoxy, defining the doctrine of the Trinity. The Nicene Creed remains foundational to our shared faith today, used in Communion, Baptism and Confirmation services.

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.*

Our Thursday Bible Study group, which meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday at the Wilshere Hall, is going to be exploring the Nicene Creed and what it means for us, starting on 5th June, so do join us to find out more and to go deeper into this foundation of our faith.

Vicar of the Benefice: Rev'd Dr Sarah Forrest
25 Hoddesdon Road, Stanstead St Margarets, Herts. SG12 8EG
07488 914972 / 01920 870115 / Email: vicar@3churches.net

NEWS & NOTICES

The Three Villages Magazine **NOW FREE**

In case you didn't know, our community magazine is now FREE. Also if you or someone you know is not be able to get out and collect a copy of the print magazine, you can now call (01920 870115) or text (07488 914972) for a copy. Copies of the June issue are available to collect at the back of each church.

Confirmation Service

On Wednesday 11th June, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, we will have a Service of Confirmation led by Bishop Rob Wickham. Please do come along and support our candidates and remember them in your prayers.

5th Sunday Benefice Service

As Sunday 29th June is a 5th Sunday, we will have a Benefice Holy Communion Service at St James' Church, starting at 10.30am.

Great Amwell Parish Hall



There is now a page dedicated to Great Amwell Parish Hall on our website. You can view it at: 3churches.net/great-amwell-parish-hall or scan the QR code (left). Hire of the hall is available to residents of the parish.

Make Lunch Club

Make Lunch Club will meet in the summer holidays! Join us for fun, friendship and some yummy food too. It meets 12–2pm at The Wilshere Hall on the following: JULY: Friday 25th, Monday 28th; AUGUST: Monday 4th, Friday 8th, Monday 11th, Friday 15th, Monday 18th, Friday 22nd, Friday 29th. Email makelunch@3churches.net to book your place!

South African Braai: date for the diary

There will be a South African Braai on 3rd August at St John the Baptist. Put the date in your diaries for this great event. More information to follow!



SUMMER EVENT AT ST JAMES' CHURCH



On Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June, 2–5pm, there will be a Summer Event at St James' Church. Come along for cream teas, churchyard tours and a chance to enjoy this beautiful church.

On Saturday 14th, at 4pm, there will be a special concert by the Priory Choir. To book your tickets, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2na3wech> or scan the QR code (right).



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

VJ Day Celebrations on 17th August: date for the diary



After the success of the VE Day celebration tea at St John the Baptist Church, the Churchwardens have decided to repeat this for VJ Day on 17th August from 2.30 to 4.30pm. If any of you have relatives who didn't return from the war until August or later, and if you have details of their war history including photos that you are happy to share, please do get in touch.

St John the Baptist Patronal Evensong

On Sunday 22nd June, starting at 6.30pm, there will be a special Patronal Evensong at St John the Baptist Church, followed by smoked salmon and Pimm's. Please do join us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

Baptisms

- Abi Hamilton-Thompson on 1st June at St John the Baptist (during 9am service).
- Arthur Olley on 21st September at St John the Baptist.

Confirmations (on 11th June)

- Abigail Hamilton-Thompson.
- Oscar Nardone.
- David Pearce.
- Steve Scott.

Weddings

- Alice Anderson & Adam Carlson on 8th August at St John the Baptist.
- Verity Dent & Steve Hawksbee on 20th September at St Margarets.

Deaths

- Kathleen Gifford on 1st March.
- Maureen Delaney on 20th March.
- Elizabeth Clarke on 30th March.
- Angela Jarrett on 1st May.
- Vera Prior on 3rd May.

UPCOMING DATES IN JULY

20th ~ St James' Patronal Festival Choral Evensong, 4pm at St James' Church

25th ~ Make Lunch Club restarts for the Summer Holidays (see opposite for more info.)



USEFUL LINKS

Online Zoom Services & Events
www.tinyurl.com/3churcheszoom

A Church Near You
Benefice Page
<http://tinyurl.com/3churchesBenefice>

The 3 Churches Website
www.3churches.net