

## CALENDAR

<b>Sunday</b> 01-Sep-24	9am All Age Eucharist Service at St John the Baptist
<i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30am All Age Service at St Andrew's
Monday 02-Sep-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday 03-Sep-24	9.30am Prayer Group
	7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday 04-Sep-24	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets
	11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
	Midday Prayers at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday 05-Sep-24	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall
	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday 06-Sep-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b> 08-Sep-24	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist
<i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30am Holy Communion Service at St Andrew's
Monday 09-Sep-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday 10-Sep-24	9.30am Prayer Group
	7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday 11-Sep-24	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets
	11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
	Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday 12-Sep-24	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall
	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday 13-Sep-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday 14-Sep-24	9am to 5pm Bike 'n' Hike 2024
	St John the Baptist Maintenance Day
<b>Sunday</b> 15-Sep-24	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist
<i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30am Morning Prayer Service at St Andrew's
	10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Monday 16-Sep-24	6.30pm Harvest Songs of Praise at St John the Baptist
Tuesday 17-Sep-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
	9.30am Prayer Group
	7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday 18-Sep-24	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets
	11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
	Midday Prayers at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday 19-Sep-24	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall
	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday 20-Sep-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b> 22-Sep-24	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist
<i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	11am Benefice Harvest Festival at St James followed by lunch
Monday 23-Sep-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday 24-Sep-24	9.30am Prayer Group
	7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday 25-Sep-24	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets
	11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
	Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday 26-Sep-24	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall
	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday 27-Sep-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday 28-Sep-24	8.30am Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall
<b>Sunday</b> 29-Sep-24	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St John the Baptist
<i>Michael &amp; All Angels</i>	
Monday 30-Sep-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer



## The 3 Churches Benefice

### NEWS & NOTICES ~ SEPTEMBER 2024



To mark 25 years of bringing hope and a future to struggling children across the UK, Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) are collaborating with the Riding Lights Theatre Company to share their stories with you.

We are thrilled that the TLG / Riding Lights team have agreed to perform their new production on Wednesday 16th October, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

#### What's it all about?

Joe's eleven and home is hard. School is even harder. He breaks stuff: pencils, chairs, rules. One thing he won't break is his silence. Heather's fifty-seven. She's got a comfortable life and a comfortable home. But her comfortable world is about to be turned upside down as she and Joe spend an hour a week together. Every week. For a year. Where will this journey of hours and weeks take them?

'Cups on a String' is a warm-hearted and moving new play, developed from remarkable true stories. It's about playfulness, listening and laughter, and how risk-taking and trust can lead to growth and transformation. Challenging, surprising and beautifully hopeful, 'Cups on a String' blends theatre, live music and digital technology to take you into the heart of the friendship between Heather and Joe, and the profound impact it has on them both.

#### Who is this for?

Everyone! Any individual who cares about children and has a passion for bringing hope and healing to children who are struggling at home and school would be inspired by this event. We hope that many people will gain a better understanding of the experience children face today and how the work of volunteer coaches can transform children's lives. The play is suitable for teenagers and adults but not recommended for younger children.

To book your tickets call the Box Office at 01904 613000 or book online at [ridinglights.org/cupsonastring](http://ridinglights.org/cupsonastring). (See note inside for ticket prices)

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## NEWS & NOTICES

### The Three Villages Magazine

The latest issue (September) of The Three Villages Magazine is available for £1 at the back of the churches. Please do pick up a copy!

### Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall

The next Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall is on Saturday 28th September at 8.30am. These breakfasts run every last Saturday of the month and everyone is welcome!

### Harvest Festival

A Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 22nd September. Join us for an I Am Benefice Service of Thanksgiving at St James, followed by lunch at Stanstead Bury Farm. This will replace the normal 10.30am service at St Andrew's. To book tickets for lunch (£15), visit <https://tinyurl.com/4hm4395x> or scan the QR code.



### 5th Sunday Service

There will be a 5th Sunday Benefice Service on 29th September. A Holy Communion Service will be held at St John the Baptist, starting at 10.30am. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 'Cups on a String' ~ Wednesday 16th October

To book your tickets for this fantastic performance by TLG / Riding Lights Theatre Company, call the Box Office at 01904 613000 or visit [ridinglights.org/cupsonastring](http://ridinglights.org/cupsonastring). Tickets prices: £10 (concessions), £15 (adult), £20 (adult and a donation). Booking fee applies. See front page for more information.

## BIKE 'N' HIKE 2024 ~ SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Bike 'n' Hike (Saturday 14th September, 9am–5pm) is a fun day out where you get sponsored to visit beautiful historic churches by cycling or walking on a route of your choice. Take part and help your church – half of what you raise goes to your local church!

### **Bike 'n' Hike Family Map**

We have put together a specially designed Family Map for a circular route between our three churches. Route starts at any of the churches and can be done on foot or bike. Our three churches will be open for pit stops along the way! Email [admin@3churches.net](mailto:admin@3churches.net) for more information.



Scan the QR code (right) to find out about  
**Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust**



## FROM THE CHURHWARDENS

### Quiz Night ~ 18th October

On 18th October, 7pm for a 7.30pm prompt start at Great Amwell Parish Hall, we are holding the St John's Quiz, including a fish or chicken and chips supper. Vegetarian option available. Bring your own drink and glasses. Raffle. Entry fee £20 per person. Contact Bryan Brace to book your tickets (email: [bjbrace122@gmail.com](mailto:bjbrace122@gmail.com)).

### Harvest Songs of Praise ~ Sunday 15th September

On Sunday 15th September, from 6.30pm, join us for Harvest Songs of Praise at St John the Baptist. Refreshments of cider and cheese will be served afterwards.

### St John the Baptist Maintenance Day

On Saturday 14th September, we are having a Maintenance Day at St John the Baptist, in the church and churchyard. Any volunteers able to help would be most welcome!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

### Baptisms

• Harmony and Brandon Paget on 15th September at St John the Baptist.

### Weddings

• Keeley Smith & Jon Dann on 19th October at St Mary's, St Margarets.  
• Penelope Elsom & Jack McBride on 14th December at St John the Baptist.

### Deaths

• John Alford on 18th July.



## UPCOMING DATES IN OCTOBER

- 2nd ~ School Harvest Service, 9am at St John the Baptist
- 3rd ~ School Harvest Service, 9am at St Andrew's
- 6th ~ All Age Harvest Service at St Andrew's
- 13th ~ Evensong, 6.30pm at St Andrew's
- 16th ~ 'Cups on a String', 7.30pm at St Andrew's
- 18th ~ St John's Quiz Night, 7pm at Great Amwell Parish Hall

## USEFUL LINKS

Online Zoom Services & Events  
[www.tinyurl.com/3churcheszoom](http://www.tinyurl.com/3churcheszoom)

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

The 3 Churches Website  
[www.3churches.net](http://www.3churches.net)