

CALENDAR

Saturday	01-Jun-24	8.30am Rescheduled May Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall
Sunday	02-Jun-24	9am All Age Eucharist Service at St John the Baptist
<i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>		10.30am All Age Baptism Service at St Andrew's
Monday	03-Jun-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	04-Jun-24	9.30am Prayer Group
		7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	05-Jun-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	06-Jun-24	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall
		10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	07-Jun-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Sunday	09-Jun-24	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist
<i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>		10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
Monday	10-Jun-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	11-Jun-24	9.30am Prayer Group
		7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	12-Jun-24	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets
		11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
		Midday Taizé at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	13-Jun-24	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall
		10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	14-Jun-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Sunday	16-Jun-24	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist
<i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i>		10.30am Mission Sunday Service at St Andrew's
		10.30am Baptism Service at St Mary's, St Margarets
Monday	17-Jun-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	18-Jun-24	9.30am Prayer Group
		7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	19-Jun-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	20-Jun-24	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall
		10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	21-Jun-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Sunday	23-Jun-24	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist
<i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>		10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
		2.30pm Cream Teas at St John the Baptist
		6.30pm Patronal Evensong at St John the Baptist
Monday	24-Jun-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	25-Jun-24	9.30am Prayer Group
		7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	26-Jun-24	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets
		11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
		Midday Taizé at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	27-Jun-24	9am Teddy Club at The Wilshere Hall
		10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	28-Jun-24	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	29-Jun-24	8.30am Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall
Sunday	30-Jun-24	9am BCP Holy Communion at St James's Church
<i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>		10.30am 5th Sunday Benefice Celebration Service for Martin and Elizabeth Goldsmith followed by Benefice Lunch at St Andrew's



The 3 Churches Benefice

NEWS & NOTICES ~ JUNE 2024

On the 7th of May, Bishop Jane of Hertford visited our schools to celebrate their successes and impart the excellent Inspection results that they had from the Church School Inspectors in 2023. She was enthusiastically received by staff and pupils, joining Collective Worship and cheerfully answering lots of 'Grill the Bishop' questions. She toured both St Andrew's and St John the Baptist, praying afterwards with the Headteachers and Governors. At St Andrew's she prayed for our outgoing Headteacher, Helen Gillingham, and for the person God is calling to join us and lead the school next year.

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.'

This passage from Hebrews 12:1-2 is the Vision Verse for St John the Baptist School and weaves into the Strategic Plan, the curriculum and all aspects of school life. It's a powerful verse for all of us across the Benefice. Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus. It is a call to remember that in rough or smooth, level or steep, we run the race of life, following the way of Christ, looking to Jesus and relying on his strength and power through the Holy Spirit. It is a life long journey, and it is one we make in company with each other, the crowd of witnesses, the people of our churches and community. We cheer each other on and work together.

This month we start with the baptism of our youngest church member, and we finish the month with a celebration of some of our oldest members. As we set Cyrus on his journey with God and pray for his parents and godparents in their journeys, we wonder what amazing things has God planned for them? As we hear God's story in the life of Martin and Elizabeth Goldsmith, we will hear of the faithfulness of God over 90 years of life and love and journeying with God! It's a wonderful time to stop and think about our journeys, about God in them, and to thank him for his faithfulness.

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NEWS & NOTICES

The Three Villages Magazine

The latest issue (June) 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 29th June at 8.30am. These breakfasts run every last Saturday of the month and everyone is welcome! PLEASE NOTE: There will also be a rescheduled breakfast on 1st June at the usual time.

The Bishop of St Albans' Hidden Garden

The Bishop of St Albans will be opening his garden (Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HS) every Sunday between Sunday 9th June and Sunday 11th August for people to come and look at the beautiful gardens and the summer display. Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome. There will also be plants for sale on some weekends. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.

Midsummer Music at Stanstead Bury Farm ~ 29th June 2024

On Saturday 29th June, St Albans Cathedral Music Trust is delighted to invite you to join one or more of the following sessions as we celebrate music in one of Hertfordshire's hidden gems!

3.30–4.30pm: Organ Recital by Richard Pinel and performances by the Abbey Singers in St James' Church, followed by refreshments.

4.45–6pm: A visit to the old manor house of Stanstead Bury and its Walled Garden.

6.30–8.15pm: A concert of Jazz and more performed by students from The Purcell School in the listed 17th century rustic hay barn, with drinks and canapes.

Book tickets at <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/midsummer-music-at-stanstead-bury-farm>

MAKE LUNCH CLUB



Make Lunch Club will meet in the summer holidays!
Join us for fun, friendship and some yummy food too.



12 to 2pm at The Wilshere Hall
JULY: Friday 26th, Monday 29th

AUGUST: Friday 2nd, Monday 5th, Friday 9th, Monday 12th,
Friday 16th, Monday 19th, Friday 23rd and Friday 30th

Email makelunch@3churches.net to book your place!

FROM THE CHURHWARDENS

Cream teas at the church ~ Sunday 23rd June

On Sunday 23rd June, from 2.30 to 4.30pm, cream teas will be served at St John the Baptist Church. This is to commemorate 100 years since Harold Abrahams, whose grave is in the churchyard, won a gold medal for winning the 100m at the Paris Olympics.

St John the Baptist Patronal Evensong ~ Sunday 23rd June

Also on Sunday 23rd June, St John the Baptist Patronal Evensong will be held at 6.30pm, followed by smoked salmon and Pimm's.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

Baptisms

- Cyrus Hocking on 2nd June at St Andrew's (*during the service*).
- Olivia Martinez on 16th June at St Mary's, St Margarets (*during the service*).
- Myles and Milly Torrington on 23rd June at St Andrew's.
- Ruby and Theodore Marson on 7th July at St John the Baptist.
- Fatima Carmara Clarke on 14th July at St John the Baptist.
- Mason Rush on 21st July at St Mary's, St Margarets.

Weddings

- Laura Saunders & Matthew Jenks on 10th August at St Andrew's.
- Stephanie Power & Nicholas Thomas on 7th September at St Andrew's.
- 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

- Wendy Tudor on 10th April.
- Christine Hinson on 22nd April.
- Colin Marsh on 7th May.
- Mary Morris on 12th May.

UPCOMING DATES IN JULY

- 11th ~ Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at St Mary's, Ware
- 26th ~ Make Lunch Club restarts for the summer. 12 to 2pm at The Wilshere Hall. (See note opposite for all dates)
- 27th ~ Great Amwell Village Olympics, mid afternoon to dusk at the Glebe Field behind Great Amwell Village Hall
- 28th ~ St James Patronal Festival, 4pm at St James's Church



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