

Sunday 3rd March 2024

09.30 Parish Eucharist

Those who are not attending St John's can watch live (or later) on YouTube. The links are below and the church website.

https://youtube.com/live/IDB53_a1RSA?feature=share

13.30 Baptism: Emilia Durrant

Monday 4th

12.30 Connect Group in St John's Meeting Room

Wednesday 6th

09.45 Lent Course, 5 Hopping Jacks Lane

Thursday 7th

11.15 Holy Communion at St John's

Friday 8th

09.45 Lent Course at St Andrew's Chapel

12.15 Lunchtime Concert (see notice)

Sunday 10th March – Mothering Sunday

08.00 Holy Communion

09.30 Parish Eucharist



Ladies Lunch: Thursday March 14th

The Bell, Woodham Walter at 12.30pm Phone Ann Poulard, 224221

Sharing in Ministry at St John's

Priest in Charge (Danbury and Little Baddow)

The Revd Canon Jacqui Jones

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Treasurer: Alan Dixon 225208

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

09.30 Parish Eucharist

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17 John 2:13-22

Hymns:

Introit Hymn 584 All my hope on God is founded

Gradual Hymn 634 Firmly I believe and truly tune i

Offertory Hymn 595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Communion Hymn 441 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord

Sending out Hymn 761 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him

Thank you to Nick Pratt for playing the organ this morning

Refreshments will be available in the meeting room opposite the main Church door following the service this morning.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world,
the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow
you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Intercessions

Please pray for one another during this difficult time and those who
you know are unwell at present: **Pam Melville, Julie Barker, Catherine,
Lisa Payne, Janet Bennet, Margaret Cockerill, Rita Telling**

and please remember the faithful departed, commending them to
God's love and mercy: **Joe Roast**

**Joe passed away suddenly and unexpectedly but peacefully in the early
hours of Thursday morning at home with Mary.**

**Please keep Mary and family in your thoughts and prayers at this very
sad time.**

*If anyone wants to add someone to St John's prayer list please contact Jacqui or
Jenny Molyneux-Berry 01245 223231*

Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of
the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall
not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in
heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under

the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the
LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of
parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,
⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who
love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful
use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit
anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep
it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the
seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any
work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your
livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD
made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the
seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and
consecrated it. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days
may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.
¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your
neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not
covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or
anything that belongs to your neighbour.

John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the
money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he
drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He
also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their
tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things
out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷ His
disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will
consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us
for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in
three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been
under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three
days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was
raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this;
and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



**Flower Festival
'Beauty of the Earth'
at St John's 21st - 24th June**

**Thank you to everyone who has
already sponsored the festival,
sponsorship is still needed and forms
are available from Joan Graham
01245 225744 07877698879
Joan_graham@hotmail.co.uk.**

Lunchtime Concert this Friday at 12.15pm

This week's concert is "Jazz from Scotland" courtesy of Ian Millar (saxophone) and Dominic Spencer (piano) who have been performing together for many years playing melodic improvisations on jazz standards and original compositions. They last played in Danbury in March 2000, just 2 weeks before the first lockdown!



As usual, lunches by Alan and Sarah will be available from 11.45am. Entry is free.