

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 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/u6paw4tywWc?feature=share>

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

12.30 Connect Group in St John's Meeting Room

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

11.15 Holy Communion at St John's

12.30 Ladies Lunch: The Bell, Woodham Walter

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

11.00 Funeral Service for Clive Willey

Everyone attending are warmly invited to join Clive's sons David and Alan for refreshments after the service at the Cricketers pub

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

08.00 Holy Communion

09.30 Parish Eucharist

### Ash Wednesday – 12noon on 14th February

This year we will be trying something a little different as we mark the start of Lent. Rather than an evening service we will be having our sung service, with the imposition of ashes, at midday followed by a home made soup lunch. There is a list in the porch for you to sign up to if you want to join us for the lunch so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

### Sharing in Ministry at St John's

#### Priest in Charge (Danbury and Little Baddow)

The Revd Canon Jacqui Jones

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Email: [ebbaafter@gmail.com](mailto:ebbaafter@gmail.com) **Jacqui's day off is Wednesday**

**Authorised Local Preachers** Jenny Molyneux-Berry, Janet Arthurs

**Treasurer:** Alan Dixon 225208

**Director of Music and Organist** Paul Hagger

## Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Danbury



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### SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

08.00 Holy Communion

09.30 Parish Eucharist

**Readings:** Colossians 1:15-20 John 1:1-14

#### Hymns:

Introit Hymn 541 Lord of beauty, thine the splendor

Gradual Hymn 101 In our darkness light has shone

Offertory Hymn 741 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages

Sending out Hymn 706 Let us with a gladsome mind

Motet: Fairest Lord Jesus – Silesian folk song

*Closing voluntary:* Trio Sonata 4 movement 1 – JS Bach

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

## Collect

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever. Amen

## Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,  
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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, Christina Fitheridge, Rita Telling, Bridie Cooper**

and please remember the faithful departed, commending them to God's love and mercy: **Clive Willey, Christine Jemmeson**

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

## Readings

### Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
<sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

<sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## LENT COURSE

Would you like to explore your faith a little deeper in a friendly informal atmosphere? If so, Jenny Molyneux-Berry and Janet Arthurs are leading a Lent course on Wednesday mornings starting on 21st February at 9.45am for 6 weeks. We shall talk about aspects of Lent with the guidance of a book "Cries for a lost homeland" by Bishop Guli. Anyone is welcome to come for all 6 weeks or as many sessions as you can manage. Tiggy and Steve Farrow have kindly offered to host with tea and coffee at their home at 5 Hopping Jacks Lane. We need to have an idea of numbers, so if you are interested please speak to Jenny or Janet. Or email on [molyneuxberry@btinternet.com](mailto:molyneuxberry@btinternet.com) or [diverjudge@aol.com](mailto:diverjudge@aol.com)