

## CALENDAR

Friday	01-Jul-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	02-Jul-22	
<b>Sunday</b>	03-Jul-22	9am All Age Service at St John the Baptist 10.30am All Age Service at St Andrew's
Monday	04-Jul-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	05-Jul-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	06-Jul-22	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets Midday Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets
Thursday	07-Jul-22	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall 7.30pm (starting at 7.45pm) Deanery Synod at St Andrew's
Friday	08-Jul-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	09-Jul-22	
<b>Sunday</b>	10-Jul-22	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist 10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
Monday	11-Jul-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	12-Jul-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	13-Jul-22	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets Midday Taizé Service at St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets
Thursday	14-Jul-22	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	15-Jul-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	16-Jul-22	5pm Farewell Service for Bishop Michael at St Albans Abbey
<b>Sunday</b>	17-Jul-22	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets
Monday	18-Jul-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	19-Jul-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	20-Jul-22	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets Midday Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets
Thursday	21-Jul-22	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	22-Jul-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	23-Jul-22	
<b>Sunday</b>	24-Jul-22	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist 10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's 4pm St James's Patronal Festival Evensong
Monday	25-Jul-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	26-Jul-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	27-Jul-22	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets Midday Taizé Service at St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets
Thursday	28-Jul-22	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	29-Jul-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	30-Jul-22	9am Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	31-Jul-22	10.30am Outdoor Benefice Service at The Glebe Field (behind the Parish Hall), Great Amwell. Followed by a summer picnic.



## NEWS & NOTICES ~ JULY 2022

The Jubilee Celebrations were a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the love, faith and service of our Queen Elizabeth II; 70 years of dedicated service in a changing country, Commonwealth and world. And now, after the celebrations of Easter and Pentecost, the Church Calendar has us in 'Ordinary time'. However, the Book of Common Prayer reading for Trinity 2 reminds us that the biggest, best and most important celebration is yet to come; the Feast in Heaven!

In the parable of the Great Banquet, a rich man invites many friends and neighbours to come and feast with him, but on the day, one by one, they begin to make their excuses "I've bought a piece of ground", "I've bought five yoke of oxen", "I've just got married". They refuse the invitation and the servant is sent out to invite others instead...

"Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame." "Sir," the servant said, "what you ordered has been done, but there is still room." Then the master told his servant, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full."  
(Luke 14:21-23)

With thoughts of that great party in our minds, over the coming weeks let's not forget two really important things. First, that our invitation is too important for us to get distracted; the kingdom of God is our home, the invitation is ours, and we must keep focused on the things above; seek God's kingdom first. Secondly, we need to get out into our community and invite everyone to God's great banquet in heaven, because his love and his invitation is for the whole world, starting with our neighbours and reaching out to the ends of the earth.

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## NEWS & NOTICES

### Farewell Service for Bishop Michael

Bishop Michael has been nominated to be the next Bishop of Bath and Wells. On Saturday 16th July, at 5pm, there will be a Service of Farewell for Bishop Michael held at St Albans Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please bear in mind there is no parking at the Cathedral.

### End of year services for our schools

We will be holding our end of year services for St John the Baptist Primary School on Wednesday 20th July at 3.30pm and for St Andrew's Primary School on Thursday 21st July at 9am.

### Memorial Service for Trevor Paddon

Lyn Paddon would like to extend the following invitation: 'I have finally been able to arrange Trevor's memorial service in St Margaret's Parish Church for Tuesday 2nd August at 12 noon, followed by refreshments at the Red Lion. If I haven't been able to contact you direct and you would like to share the time with us, please could you let me know before 26th July.'

### Great Amwell Village Stocks

Great Amwell Parish Council employed the local building firm, Between Time, to replace the village stocks, which had deteriorated badly. The children from St John the Baptist School had a first look in, as the carpenters were installing them just as the school visited church for their Pentecost Service. There were some very wide eyes as the children walked past and they were beautifully behaved in church! As they always are... nothing to do with the stocks, I'm sure!

### Men's Breakfast

There will be another Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall on Saturday 30th July at 9am. Moving forward, these breakfasts will happen every 4th Saturday of the month.

## THE WILSHERE HALL

The required fire safety works on The Wilshere Hall are very near completion. This has included the fire alarm, new emergency lighting, repairs and building work to meet the current fire regulation standards. We hope to start letting the hall to outside hirers in the next few weeks. Please contact Maureen Freeman (01920 870632) to discuss hall hire.

## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

### Deanery Synod on Thursday 7th July

St Andrew's Church will be hosting Deanery Synod on Thursday 7th July at 7.45pm with refreshments from 7.30pm. The theme will be Social Action and will include a presentation by Waterways Chaplain, Lorraine Newman. Everybody is welcome to attend.

### St James's Patronal Festival Evensong

On Sunday 24th July, at 4pm, St James's Patronal Festival Evensong will be held at St James's Church. Everyone is welcome to come along.

### The Three Villages Magazine: Issue 2

The June issue of The Three Villages Magazine is now available at the back of the churches to purchase for £1. Do grab a copy if you haven't already!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

### Wedding Blessings

- Andrea and Benjamin Towers on 30th July at St Andrew's.

### Weddings

- Talya Bentley & Jay Parrish on 8th September at St Andrew's.
- Amy Barrett & Matthew Hurt on 17th September at St John the Baptist.

### Baptisms

- Ethan Merry on 3rd July at St John the Baptist.



## UPCOMING DATES IN AUGUST

4th – 24th August ~ Rev'd Sarah on holiday

17th August ~ Thanksgiving Service for the late Mrs Jean Walker, wife of the late Rev'd Edward Walker, at St John the Baptist

## USEFUL LINKS

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

Online Benefice Coffee Morning  
[www.tinyurl.com/meet-StA](http://www.tinyurl.com/meet-StA)

A Church Near You Benefice Page  
[www.tinyurl.com/3churchesACNY](http://www.tinyurl.com/3churchesACNY)

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