

## CALENDAR

Tuesday	01-Nov-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	02-Nov-22	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Taizé Service at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	03-Nov-22	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	04-Nov-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	05-Nov-22	
Sunday	06-Nov-22	9am All Age Service at St John the Baptist 10.30am All Age Service at St Andrew's
Monday	07-Nov-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 9.30am Warm Welcome Space & Lunch at The Wilshere Hall
Tuesday	08-Nov-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	09-Nov-22	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	10-Nov-22	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	11-Nov-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	12-Nov-22	
Sunday	13-Nov-22	10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service at St John the Baptist 10.30am Remembrance Sunday Service at St Andrew's
Monday	14-Nov-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 9.30am Warm Welcome Space & Lunch at The Wilshere Hall
Tuesday	15-Nov-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	16-Nov-22	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Taizé Service at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	17-Nov-22	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	18-Nov-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	19-Nov-22	7pm The Big Quiz Night for Tearfund at The Wilshere Hall
Sunday	20-Nov-22	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Monday	21-Nov-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 9.30am Warm Welcome Space & Lunch at The Wilshere Hall
Tuesday	22-Nov-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	23-Nov-22	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	24-Nov-22	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	25-Nov-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	26-Nov-22	9am Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall
Sunday	27-Nov-22	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist (1st Sunday of Advent) 10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's (1st Sunday of Advent) 4pm Advent Carols at St James's
Monday	28-Nov-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 9.30am Warm Welcome Space & Lunch at The Wilshere Hall
Tuesday	29-Nov-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	30-Nov-22	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Taizé Service at St Mary's, St Margarets



## The 3 Churches Benefice

### NEWS & NOTICES ~ NOVEMBER 2022

#### The Parable of the Two Sons

The parable of the two sons was told by Jesus in the Temple during the last days of his life. The audience included many of the religious elite; an audience who were, at best, sceptical of who he was and, at worst, were plotting his death. But the parable speaks to us through its simplicity and directness.

What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

Which of the two did what his father wanted?

'The first,' they answered.

*(Matthew 21: 28-31a)*

When we believe in God, when we put our trust in Jesus, we are adopted into God's family, we become God's children. But we continue to have independence of thought and action. We have to choose to listen and follow Jesus. And we have to be willing to reflect on what we think and believe, what we do and how we behave towards each other. Perhaps the most important line in this parable is 'but later he changed his mind and went'. To change your mind is a great thing, even greater is to admit it and take action.

November is a season for remembering and reflection. May we be open to the power of God to transform us into people of reflection and action!

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## NEWS & NOTICES

### The Big Quiz for Tearfund

On Saturday 19th November we are holding The Big Quiz Night for Tearfund at The Wilshere Hall. It is 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. £5 ticket per person. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Teams of up to 8 people. Everyone welcome!

### Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall

There will be another Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall on Saturday 26th November, starting at 9am. These breakfasts happen every last Saturday of the month.

### Sunday School update

We hope to start Sunday School after half term, with Chloe Parke planning and leading the sessions. However, we could really do with some helpers! If you would like to volunteer (it doesn't have to be every week), then please let Rev'd Sarah know.

### Advent Carols at St James's Church

Advent Carols will be held at St James's Church on Sunday 27th November, starting at 4pm. It will be a lovely service and a great way to start Advent and the lead up to Christmas.

### Warm Welcome Space

In response to rising concern over the coming winter and the reality that many in our community are facing fuel poverty, the Monday coffee morning (9.30am at The Wilshere Hall, St Andrew's) will now be open to everyone as part of the Warm Welcome Space initiative, and will offer lunch too. The Community Hub Drop-in (Wednesdays, 10.30am at St Mary's) will also be registered as a Warm Welcome Space. We want to ensure that nobody is left to suffer on their own this winter, and that those who reach out for help will find it in our Benefice.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES

13TH NOVEMBER

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10.30am at St John the Baptist Church, Great Amwell

10.30am at St Andrew's Church, Stanstead Abbots

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The service will take place outside, at both churches, so please wrap up warmly.

## FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

### Update on St John's Church Tower Repair

The tower is now surrounded by scaffolding and work on repairing and stabilising the stonework has commenced. Once the scaffolding was erected, the architect was able to examine the condition of the stonework in great detail and it looks as though the cost of the repairs will not be very far from the original estimate. The quiz night on 14th October was very good. We made over £500 towards the tower repair fund and we are very grateful to those who supported the event.

### 'The Warren Cousins'

On 9th October, for the morning service, we had the pleasure of the company of Marty and Jane Beerman, who were visiting England from Nebraska. Marty is President of 'The Warren Cousins', the Family Society of the descendants of Mayflower Pilgrim Richard Warren and his wife, Elizabeth Walker. Richard and Elizabeth were married at St John's in 1610. In 1620, Richard was aboard 'Mayflower' with the other pilgrims, and his wife and five daughters joined him in America three years later. In conjunction with the 'Warren Cousins', we are hoping to erect a memorial plaque to Richard and Elizabeth in St John's next year.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

### Baptisms

• Rose Maria Carey on 11th December at St Mary the Virgin, St Margarets.

### Deaths

- David Berry, 14th September 2022
- Bernard Murphy, 27th September 2022
- Harold Charge, 26th September 2022
- Gordon Brown, 30th September 2022
- Julia Brace, 8th October 2022
- Sylvia Gardner, 11th October 2022



## UPCOMING DATES IN DECEMBER

11th ~ Carols by Candlelight at St John the Baptist

18th ~ Carols by Candlelight at St Andrew's

24th ~ The Christmas Journey starting at St Margarets Train Station

## USEFUL LINKS

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

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)