

CALENDAR

Thursday	01-Sep-22	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	02-Sep-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	03-Sep-22	
Sunday	04-Sep-22	9am All Age Service at St John the Baptist 10.30am All Age Service at St Andrew's
Monday	05-Sep-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	06-Sep-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	07-Sep-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	08-Sep-22	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	09-Sep-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	10-Sep-22	
Sunday	11-Sep-22	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist 10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
Monday	12-Sep-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	13-Sep-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	14-Sep-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	15-Sep-22	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	16-Sep-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	17-Sep-22	
Sunday	18-Sep-22	8.45am BCP Communion at St James (Roydon Road) 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	19-Sep-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	20-Sep-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	21-Sep-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	22-Sep-22	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	23-Sep-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Saturday	24-Sep-22	9am Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall
Sunday	25-Sep-22	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist 10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
Monday	26-Sep-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	27-Sep-22	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	28-Sep-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	29-Sep-22	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	30-Sep-22	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer



The 3 Churches Benefice

NEWS & NOTICES ~ SEPTEMBER 2022

September is here! That sense of the new term, a new start, a new season...it sits with many of us as we see children go back to school, the summer turning fresher, and hints of Autumn arriving! In the Benefice we are really pleased that the 'new thing' happening includes a return of 'Sunday School'. Our vision of being able to invite families back to church and providing what they need every week is coming to fruition at last, with All Age Services at St John's and St Andrew's on the first Sunday of the month, and Sunday School on the other Sundays (2nd, 3rd and 4th) at St Andrew's.

Children's faith grows within the triangle of home, school, and church, with each part being important but different. In bringing children to church we are giving them the opportunity to meet God in worship and respond to his love for them. Sunday School will be available for children in the Wilshere Hall from the Readings to the Communion (about 20 minutes), so that they can listen and reflect on the theme of the day in an age appropriate way, but also experience the worship and join in.

There are lots of reasons why we haven't got many children in our Church Family currently, including what we offer, how we welcome young people, and the pressures and priorities of modern life. The first thing God did when he created the world was to set the Sabbath apart as holy, a day of rest, a different day in which to meet with God. This needs to be the foundation of the pattern of our lives as individuals and as a Church, and it is the motivation behind our invitation to families to join us any and every Sunday!

If you keep the Sabbath holy, not having your own fun and business on that day, but enjoying the Sabbath, speaking of it with delight as the Lord's holy day, and honouring the Lord in what you do, not following your own desires and pleasure nor talking idly – then the Lord will be your delight, and I will see to it that you ride high and get your full share of the blessings I promised to Jacob, your father. The Lord has spoken.
(Isaiah 58: 13–14, Living Bible)

Please pray for God's blessings for the Sunday School Team, for families accepting our invitation, and for us all!

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NEWS & NOTICES

Message of thanks from Lyn Paddon

Lyn Paddon would like to offer a huge thank you to everyone who attended the memorial on 2nd August. The total collected from the funerals and thanksgiving service raised £357 for EHAAT, £329 for Parkinson UK and £1040 for Dementia UK. Lyn will be able to gift aid these amounts.

The Three Villages Magazine

The September issue of The Three Villages Magazine will be available at the back of the churches to purchase for £1. Please do also check out the website www.thethreevillages.com and sign up to our News & Events Blog.

Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall

There will be another Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall on Saturday 24th September, starting at 9am. These breakfasts happen every 4th Saturday of the month.

Free Freezer

A Hoover freezer (model: HFZE5485W) is available for free to anyone who needs it. Dimensions are: 85cm high x 55cm wide x 60cm deep. Please contact Jan Kinsman (01920 877188) if you are interested.

St John's Primary School Reunion

Another reunion for St John the Baptist Primary School past pupils circa 1945–1955 will be held on Wednesday 28th September at the George IV pub from 11.30am onwards. Please contact Jennifer on 01438 358404 or 07960 381 339 if you are able to come and would like some lunch too!

PILGRIM WALK ~ FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Pilgrims are invited to join a one-day guided walk, led by Andy Bull, author of the newly published guidebook to the London to Walsingham Camino, and supported by the Confraternity of St James, whose members have helped research the path. You are welcome to join at the start of the walk (10am at Waltham Abbey Church), at Broxbourne (1pm at St Augustine's Church) or Great Amwell (3.30pm at St John the Baptist Church).

To register your interest, and for full details of the day, including transport links, contact Andy Bull (andybull@gmail.com).

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Quiz Night for St John's Tower Repair Fund

The fundraising Quiz Night for St John's Tower Repair Fund will place on 14th October in the Great Amwell Parish Hall, 7pm for a 7.30pm prompt start. Tickets cost £15 and include a supper, which will be either fish/chicken and chips or a vegetarian option. Bring own drinks and glasses. Book (indicating food option) with Bryan Brace (01992 447845 / bjbrace122@gmail.com) or Richard/Margaret Mellor (01920 460474 / richardmellor@btinternet.com).

Scheduled work on St John's Church Tower

Work on the repair of St John's church tower is due to commence soon. Scaffolding will be erected on 12th September. Services will continue on Sundays as normal, but there may have to be some restrictions on entry on weekdays. The site will be protected and will have a security system. The churchwardens will be in touch with those affected directly in due course. Works may continue until late November, but we shall keep people informed of progress.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

Weddings

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

Baptisms

- Ruby Marson on 11th December at St John's.



UPCOMING DATES IN OCTOBER

9th October ~ Service to mark Baby Loss Awareness Week (9th to 15th)

30th October ~ All Souls Service

USEFUL LINKS

Online Services & Events
www.tinyurl.com/3churcheszoom

A Church Near You
Benefice Page
www.tinyurl.com/3churchesACNY

The 3 Churches Website
www.3churches.net