

CALENDAR

Tuesday	01-Aug-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	02-Aug-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Taizé Service at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	03-Aug-23	
Friday	04-Aug-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house 12pm Make Lunch Club
Sunday	06-Aug-23	9am All Age Service at St John the Baptist 10.30am All Age Service at St Andrew's
	<i>Transfiguration</i>	
Monday	07-Aug-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 12pm Make Lunch Club
Tuesday	08-Aug-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	09-Aug-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	10-Aug-23	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	11-Aug-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house 12pm Make Lunch Club
Sunday	13-Aug-23	9am Communion by extension at St John the Baptist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
	<i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i>	
Monday	14-Aug-23	12pm Make Lunch Club
Tuesday	15-Aug-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	16-Aug-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Taizé Service at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	17-Aug-23	
Friday	18-Aug-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house 12pm Make Lunch Club
Sunday	20-Aug-23	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist 10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, St Margarets
	<i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i>	
Monday	21-Aug-23	12pm Make Lunch Club
Tuesday	22-Aug-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	23-Aug-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	24-Aug-23	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	25-Aug-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house 12pm Make Lunch Club
Saturday	26-Aug-23	9am Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall
Sunday	27-Aug-23	9am Communion by extension at St John the Baptist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
	<i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	
Monday	28-Aug-23	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	29-Aug-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	30-Aug-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Taizé Service at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	31-Aug-23	



The 3 Churches Benefice

NEWS & NOTICES ~ AUGUST 2023

As we journey through Matthew's Gospel over the summer, we will hear Jesus's teaching about the kingdom of heaven, and we'll be encouraged to look for signs of that kingdom here on earth. Perhaps the best place to look for God's kingdom is not so much in what we say as what we do. Jesus was clear that, at the end of time when he returns to bring justice to everyone, what we have done in his name will make all the difference.



Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
(Matthew 25:34–36)

This summer is going to be a busy one for the Make Lunch Club team, as we prepare to welcome families for activities and lunch every Monday and Friday through the holidays. When we look at Jesus's teaching, it's clear why we would want to help those who are struggling in our community, but there's always a risk. There are lots of questions: Can we do it? Is it worth it? Will people come? But when we follow God's mission, when we do what we believe he is calling us to do, we can be confident in his presence and his guidance. And God is a God of encouragement!

A few weeks ago, I met a single mum who moved to the village quite recently. She told me that along with her struggles with finances, her health, parenting, and moving to a new place, she felt isolated and alone. This time last year I would have been able to offer sympathy, but not a lot else. It was such an encouragement to be able to say, 'Come to Make Lunch Club!'

Please pray for all those families who will come to our sessions over the summer!

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NEWS & NOTICES

The Three Villages Magazine

The June Issue of The Three Villages Magazine is still available for £1 at the back of the churches. Please do pick up a copy if you haven't already.

Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall

The next Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall on Saturday 26th August, as normal. These breakfasts run every last Saturday of the month.

Harvest Festival at St James' Church

A Harvest Festival at St James' Church, with thanksgiving service and harvest lunch, is being organised for Sunday 8th October. Gini Trower is looking for some help beforehand and on the day, particularly:

- organisations to decorate windows (farms, allotments, gardeners, local food producers) – please email jonathan.trower@dcadvisory.com;
- assistance with cooking and organising lunch – please email ginitrower@btinternet.com;
- local food and drink producers who are interested in providing food for lunch and / or stalls to sell their produce – please email ginitrower@btinternet.com;
- put the date in your diary and book spaces for lunch – please email ginitrower@btinternet.com.

Changes to regular groups & services in August

Please note on the calendar that there are some changes to regular Sunday services this month. Also, there are no Thursday Life Group meetings in August and Online Benefice Morning Prayer isn't running on certain Mondays.

MAKE LUNCH CLUB



Looking for something to do with the kids over the summer holidays?
Come along and have fun with us at Make Lunch Club!



12 to 2pm
The Wilshere Hall
St Andrew's Church



July 24th, 28th and 31st
August 4th, 7th, 11th, 14th, 18th, 21st and 25th



If you would like to join us, please email
makelunch@3churches.net



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

St John the Baptist: Summer Sunday Afternoon Teas

Afternoons teas at St John the Baptist will continue during August on Sunday afternoons, between 3 and 5 pm, in memory of the late Julia Brace, former churchwarden. Do come along and join us!

Memorial to Richard Warren and his wife Elizabeth (née Walker)

On 3rd September, the Warren Cousins from the USA will be visiting St John the Baptist Church. There will be an Evensong and Dedication Service at 3pm, at which the memorial stone to pilgrims Richard and Elizabeth Warren, who were married in the church on 14th April 1610, will be unveiled. The service will be conducted by the Rev'd Dr Sarah and attended by the Bishop of Hertford, the Rt Rev'd Dr Jane Mainwaring. Refreshments will follow.

PRAYER MINISTRY

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.'
(Philippians 4: 6)

The Ministry Team is always happy to pray for anyone, so do call or email if you have prayer requests. At St Andrew's we have restarted Prayer Ministry after the 10.30am Sunday Service for anyone who would like prayer. Please do come to the front for the Team to share your concerns, and pray for and with you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:

Baptisms

• Alfie Mayne on 3rd September at St Andrew's.

Weddings

• Anna Pavelin and Oliver Bowling on 22nd September at St John the Baptist.

UPCOMING DATES IN SEPTEMBER

3rd ~ Baptism at St Andrew's
10.30am service
and
Evensong and Dedication Service, 3pm at St John the Baptist.

10th ~ Harvest Service, 12pm at St John the Baptist, followed by lunch

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