

CALENDAR

Friday	01-Sep-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
Saturday	02-Sep-23	
Sunday	03-Sep-23	9am Said Eucharist Service at St John the Baptist 10.30am All Age Baptism Service at St Andrew's 3pm Evensong and Dedication Service at St John the Baptist
	<i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i>	
Monday	04-Sep-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	05-Sep-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	06-Sep-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	07-Sep-23	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	08-Sep-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
Saturday	09-Sep-23	
Sunday	10-Sep-23	10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's 12pm Harvest Eucharist Service & Lunch at St John the Baptist
	<i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	
Monday	11-Sep-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	12-Sep-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	13-Sep-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Taizé Service at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	14-Sep-23	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	15-Sep-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
Saturday	16-Sep-23	
Sunday	17-Sep-23	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
	<i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	
Monday	18-Sep-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	19-Sep-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	20-Sep-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Holy Communion at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	21-Sep-23	10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning (The Red Lion)
Friday	22-Sep-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
Saturday	23-Sep-23	
Sunday	24-Sep-23	9am Eucharist at St John the Baptist 10.30am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
	<i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	
Monday	25-Sep-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer
Tuesday	26-Sep-23	9.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Life Group on Zoom
Wednesday	27-Sep-23	10.30am Community Hub Drop-in at St Mary's, St Margarets Midday Taizé Service at St Mary's, St Margarets
Thursday	28-Sep-23	10.30am Life Group at The Wilshere Hall
Friday	29-Sep-23	9.30am Online Benefice Morning Prayer 11.00am Life Group at the Goldsmith's house
Saturday	30-Sep-23	9am Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall 10am Maintenance Day at St John the Baptist



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NEWS & NOTICES ~ SEPTEMBER 2023

How to find true contentment

How to manage your anger

HOW TO PREVENT BURNOUT

How to affair-proof our relationships

These sound like the titles of a series of self help books that you'd find on the shelves of your favourite bookshop or at the local library, or even on your favourite podcasts list. Nicely written, encouraging words that help you understand and reflect on the problems in your life and 'make that change'. But what about the oldest instruction manual? The one that remains the most popular book on the bestseller lists year after year...the Bible... what does it say? Actually, these titles are some of the titles for the sessions in our new Bible Study course beginning in September: just10. Just10 explores the 10 Commandments, starting at ten and working backwards to one. The course is written and presented by J. John and is in the form of a video talk and a time for discussion.

just10

Maybe you have been coming regularly to a Life Group and have already heard about just10, or maybe you are still exploring what you think and believe. This course is going to be a great starting point for thoughts and discussion, so come along / Zoom in and join in the journey with us!



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Life Group: Doing Life Together...

Tuesdays on Zoom, 7.30–9pm

Alternate Thursdays at The Wilshere Hall, 10.30–12pm

The just10 course starts on the first week of September! Details on the website or at just10.org.

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NEWS & NOTICES

The Three Villages Magazine

The latest issue (September) of The Three Villages Magazine is now available for £1 at the back of the churches. Please do pick up a copy!

Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall

The next Men's Breakfast at The Wilshere Hall on Saturday 30th September, as normal. These breakfasts run every last Saturday of the month.

Harvest Festival at St James' Church

Gini Trower is still looking for some help for the Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th October, 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.

Sponsored Bike 'n' Hike ~ 9th September 2023

This event is a great opportunity to visit some of the wonderful Church buildings in your area or go and explore elsewhere. Half of the money you raise goes to the church building you nominate the other half is allocated through grants to other church buildings in Beds & Herts. For more information and list of churches participating please visit www.bedshertshct.org.uk.

St Albans Diocese Job vacancy

St Albans Diocese are recruiting for a Programme Manager to define, monitor and deliver the diocesan vision and strategy for Growing Younger and More Diverse. For more information, visit www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/diocesan-programme-manager/. Deadline is 13th September.

MAKE LUNCH CLUB PARTY

We are holding a party for all our families and volunteers at

Make Lunch Club to mark the end of a fantastic summer of fun!



Friday 1st September

10am to 2pm

Walford House Meadow

For more information, please email makelunch@3churches.net



FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Memorial to Richard Warren and his wife Elizabeth

On 3rd September, there will be an Evensong and Dedication Service at 3pm, at which the memorial stone to pilgrims Richard and Elizabeth Warren, will be unveiled. Please let Richard or Margaret know if you're coming for catering.

Quiz Night ~ Friday 13th October

On 13th October, Bryan Brace is organising a quiz night, commencing at 7.30 pm in Great Amwell Parish Hall. It is in memory of Julia Brace and is raising funds for a new heating system for St John's. The entrance fee is £20 per person.

Maintenance Day at St John the Baptist ~ Saturday 30th September

On 30th September, we are having a maintenance day at St John the Baptist from 10am onwards, if the weather is fine. There are plenty of jobs to be tackled and volunteers would be very welcome.

PRAYER MINISTRY

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 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 OCTOBER

1st ~ All Age Harvest Service, 10.30am at St Andrew's

7th ~ The Big Quiz for Tear Fund, 7pm at The Wilshere Hall

8th ~ Harvest Festival at St James's Church. 11am service followed by lunch

13th ~ St John the Baptist Quiz Night, 7.30pm at Great Amwell Parish Hall

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