

Sunday 18th February 2024

09.30 Parish Eucharist

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Those who are not attending St John's can watch live (or later) on YouTube. The links are below and the church website.

Monday 19th

12.30 Connect Group in St John's Meeting Room

All welcome for soup, roll, cuppa, cake & chat (12.30pm to 2.30pm)

Wednesday 21st

09.45 Lent Course, Hopping Jacks Lane (Please see notice)

14.00 Mother's Union in the Meeting Room

Mission Aviation Fellowship Talk - Everyone is welcome

Thursday 22nd

11.15 Holy Communion at St John's

Friday 23rd

09.45 Lent Course at St Andrew's Chapel (please see notice)

Sunday 25th February

08.00 Holy Communion

09.30 Café Praise



Sharing in Ministry at St John's

Priest in Charge (Danbury and Little Baddow)

The Revd Canon Jacqui Jones

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Authorised Local Preachers Jenny Molyneux-Berry, Janet Arthurs

Treasurer: Alan Dixon 225208

Director of Music and Organist Paul Hagger

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

09.30 Parish Eucharist

Preacher: Janet Arthurs

Readings: Genesis 9:8-17 Mark 1:9-15

Hymns:

Introit Hymn 107 The sinless one to Jordan came

Gradual Hymn 121 Forty days and forty nights

Offertory Hymn 131 O for a closer walk with God

Sending out Hymn 132 O for a heart to praise my God

Motet: Come down, O Love divine – Hilary Tadman-Robins

Closing voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "Durch Adams Fall Ist Ganz

Verderbt" - JS Bach

Refreshments will be available in the meeting room opposite the main Church door following the service this morning.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
You have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
By it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
Teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
And enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Intercessions

Please pray for one another during this difficult time and those who you know are unwell at present: **Pam Melville, Julie Barker, Catherine, Lisa Payne, Janet Bennet, Margaret Cockerill, Rita Telling**
and please remember the faithful departed, commending them to God's love and mercy: **Clive Willey, Bridie Cooper**

If anyone wants to add someone to St John's prayer list please contact Jacqui or Jenny Molyneux-Berry 01245 223231

Readings

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹² God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between

me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷ God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Mark 1:9-15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' ¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Jamie Morley

It's time for us to bid fare well to Jamie. Way back in 2020/1 Jamie began volunteering working in the churchyard and in the church to go towards his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. Jamie is also a gifted musician and has played the Last Post and Reveille for a number of Village Remembrance Day Commemorations. Not stopping at the Bronze award he was going for Gold and in this last year or so has contributed enormously to the smooth running of the morning service, acting as sidesperson and becoming a hit with the children helping them in their craft activities during the service! He elevated the joyful coronation themed service last year with some brilliant trumpet playing accompanying the organ. We have been very fortunate in getting to know Jamie a little and wish him all the very best as he prepares for his exams before university this year.



Flower Festival
'Beauty of the Earth'
at St John's 21st - 24th June

Sponsorship is now open and forms are available from Joan Graham
01245 225744 07877698879
Joan_graham@hotmail.co.uk

LENT COURSE

Would you like to explore your faith a little deeper in a friendly informal atmosphere? If so, Jenny Molyneux-Berry and Janet Arthurs are leading a Lent course on Wednesday mornings starting on 21st February at 9.45am for 6 weeks. We shall talk about aspects of Lent with the guidance of a book "Cries for a lost homeland" by Bishop Guli. Anyone is welcome to come for all 6 weeks or as many sessions as you can manage. Tiggy and Steve Farrow have kindly offered to host with tea and coffee at their home at 5 Hopping Jacks Lane. We need to have an idea of numbers, so if you are interested please speak to Jenny or Janet. Or email on molyneuxberry@btinternet.com or diverjudge@aol.com

LITTLE BADDOW CHURCHES ST MARY'S & THE CHAPEL

LENT COURSE 2024 - ALL WELCOME

Over six sessions we will be looking at

'Lent with the Beloved Disciple' by

The Rt Reverend Bishop Michael Marshall

This Lent Book invites you on a journey in the company of the 'beloved disciple' as found in the narrative of the Gospel of St John
Sessions will be held on Friday mornings at St Andrew's Chapel,

North Hill, Little Baddow, led by Revd. Chris Poulard

Commencing Friday 16th February then every Friday until
22nd March - 9.45am for 10.00am

Contact John Wheeldon (221352) to purchase the book. (£9)