

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**09.30 Parish Eucharist** *followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

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

<https://youtube.com/live/Ka11ZIGMeHI>

**The APCM is open for all church members. You can attend in person in the Meeting room, or virtually on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81720522816?pwd=eEYxVzlpb2Q4dENFaEt5ZmxlTnM3UT09>

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**11.15 Holy Communion at St John's - Rev Chris Poulard**

**19.45 St John's Men's Group: Cricketers Arms, Penny Royal Road**

This month we will select from the Cricketers extensive menu and Specials Board. All gentlemen of the Parish, their friends, relatives and guests are invited to join us for good food, good ale and good company

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**08.00 Holy Communion – Rev Chris Poulard**

**09.30 Café Praise**



**Ascension Day 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**An Ascension Day Service will be held at 8pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at St Andrew's Church, Sandon. All are welcome**

**Sharing in Ministry at St John's**

**Priest in Charge (Danbury and Little Baddow)**

The Revd Canon Jacqui Jones

St John's Rectory, 55 Main Road, Danbury CM3 4NG Tel: 01245 223140

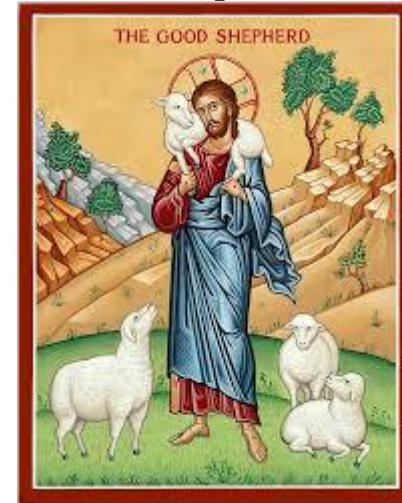
Email: [ebbaafter@gmail.com](mailto:ebbaafter@gmail.com) **Jacqui's day off is Wednesday**

**Authorised Local Preachers** Jenny Molyneux-Berry, Janet Arthurs

**Treasurer:** Alan Dixon 225208

**Director of Music and Organist** Paul Hagger

Parish Church of  
St John the Baptist, Danbury



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**09.30 Parish Eucharist**

**Preacher: Janet Arthurs**

**Readings: Acts 4:5-12      John 10:11-18**

**Hymns:**

Introit      Hymn 664 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Gradual      Hymn 601 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Offertory      Hymn 671 I will sing the wondrous story

Sending out      Hymn 678 In Christ alone my hope is found

Motet:      Come, my way, my truth, my life –

Text: George Herbert, Music: Malcolm Archer

*Closing voluntary: Sheep may safely graze – JS Bach*

**Followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
St John's Meeting Room**

All church members welcome to attend

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. Amen

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in  
his steps; 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**

and please remember the faithful departed, commending them to  
God's love and mercy: **Joe Roast, Maryon Davies, Frances Neilly,  
Margaret Clarke**

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

## Readings

### Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in  
Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and  
Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When  
they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired,  
'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup> Then Peter,

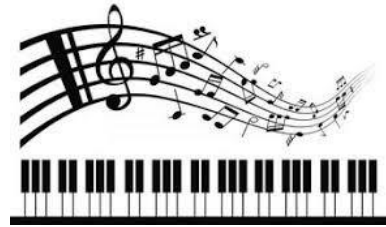
filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people  
and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are questioned today because of a good  
deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this  
man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to  
all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in  
good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> This  
Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it  
has become the cornerstone." <sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one  
else, for there is no other name under heaven given among  
mortals by which we must be saved.'

### John 10:11-18.

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his  
life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd  
and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves  
the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and  
scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired  
hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I  
know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father  
knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for  
the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this  
fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.  
So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the  
Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it  
up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my  
own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to  
take it up again. I have received this command from my  
Father.'

## Exciting News!!

St John's will take delivery of a new piano this week. With the popularity of our concert series the current digital piano is simply not capable enough for the musicians that we now have performing. Our new piano has been made to exacting standards by Kawai in Japan and, with its taller height and newly-designed scale, gives a rare combination of power, dynamic range and tonal richness. Paul will ensure that you hear this beautiful instrument for the first time at our service on Sunday 5th May and we hope to introduce its use at our services more frequently thereafter.



### *Jenny Molyneux-Berry*

Jenny has been associated with this church for some 52 years. During this time she has been teaching at Sandon School, running a home and enjoying family life. She has wider associations with the church in Africa, been a tutor for the course of Christian Studies and has enjoyed the friendship of many groups of people, but Jenny and Bob have made the decision to move to a place more manageable and sadly for us, a little way from Danbury itself. There will be much more to say about Jenny apart from her well prepared and crafted sermons and prayers, her care and confidence in leading worship. She has made the decision that her official final appearance at Danbury will be on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We pray for her and Bob as they pack up and move to Chelmsford and we continue to give thanks to God for a loyal and faithful servant and friend who has ministered, pastored and encouraged many in their journey of faith.