

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**08.00 Holy Communion**

**09.30 Café Praise**

Café Praise will not be streamed to youtube, but will be available live on zoom from 9.20am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87652390261?pwd=OEVpNmt4K0JzekRMdzlSHdiSE5VUT09>

Meeting ID: 876 5239 0261 Passcode: 561515

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**09.45 Lent Course, 5 Hopping Jacks Lane**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**11.15 Holy Communion at St John's**

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

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**09.45 Lent Course at St Andrew's Chapel**



## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**09.30 Parish Eucharist**

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the 9.30am service on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

### 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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### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**08.00 Holy Communion**

**09.30 Café Praise**

**Readings: Mark 8:31-end**

**Hymns:** 286 - Praise, O praise our God and King

287 - Praise and thanksgiving

532 omitting \* verses –

All creatures of our God and King

539 - Let all creation dance

350 - We pledge to one another.

### Alternative Collect

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's  
religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their  
profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may  
happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault  
and hurt the soul; 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**

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

## **Confession**

**Almighty God our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you  
Through our own fault, in thought and word and deed and in what  
we have left undone. For your son our Lord Jesus' Christ's sake  
Forgive us all that is past; That we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen**

## **Declaration of Faith**

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures: he was  
buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the  
scriptures; Afterwards he appeared to his followers and to all the  
apostles: This we have received and this we believe. Amen**

## **Reading**

### **Mark 8:31-end**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must  
undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief  
priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise  
again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside  
and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his  
disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For  
you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human  
things.' <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,  
'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to  
save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake,  
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit  
them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what  
can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of  
me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of  
them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the  
glory of his Father with the holy angels.'



**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](mailto:Joan_graham@hotmail.co.uk)**

**St John's Men's Group Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 19.45 for 20.00**

Since our Burns night banquet we have a new tenant at our usual home,  
The Cricketers Arms, Penny Royal Road on the last Thursday of each  
month. Ella is keen to show the talent of the new chefs and this month  
we have chosen Salt Beef and Pease Pudding or the usual menu is  
available. All gentlemen of the Parish, their friends, relatives and  
guests are invited to join us for good food, good ale and good company.