

Sunday 7th April 2024

09.30 Parish Eucharist

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/pOYvBleB6k>

Thursday 11th

11.15 Holy Communion at St John's

Friday 12th

12.15 Lunchtime Concert at St John's

This week's concert features the talents of Colchester Saxophone Quartet. Whether your taste is for the Classics, Traditional, Ragtime or Jazz, the quartet is sure to have something that everyone will enjoy.

Lunches will be available from 11.45am as usual, or bring your own.

Entry is free.

Sunday 14th April

08.00 Holy Communion

09.30 Parish Eucharist

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

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

09.30 Parish Eucharist

Readings: Acts 4:32-35 John 20:19-end

Hymns:

Introit Hymn 450 Jesus calls us here to meet him

Gradual Hymn 236 Breathe on me, breath of God

Offertory Hymn 208 Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky

Sending out Hymn 813 omit * Through the night of doubt and sorrow

Motet: O breath of life – Trad arranged by Alan Bullard

*Closing voluntary: Choral prelude on "Christ lag in Todesbanden"
("Christ lay in death's bonds") – JS Bach BWV 625*

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

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

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**

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

Readings

Acts 4:32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

John 20:19-end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin¹), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Flower Festival - 'Beauty of the Earth' 21st - 24th June

Thank you to everyone who has already sponsored the festival, sponsorship is still needed and forms are available from Joan Graham 01245 225744 07877698879 Joan_graham@hotmail.co.uk

Help is needed to man the Tower for the Open Tower Event on 13th July

Please contact Cathy Ovenden if you can help, training can be given - email: cjo7230@icloud.com or call 0798 004 8108