

Sunday 28th April 2024

08.00 Holy Communion – Rev Chris Poulard

09.30 Café Praise

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87652390261?pwd=OEVpNmt4K0JzekRMdzdlSHdiSE5VUT09> Meeting ID: 876 5239 0261 Passcode: 561515

Thursday 2nd May

11.15 Holy Communion at St John's

Sunday 5th May

09.30 Parish Eucharist



Ascension Day 9th May

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

Thursday May 9th Ladies Lunch: The Cricketers Danbury 12.30pm



Christian Aid Week 12th to 19th May

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

HELP NEEDED PLEASE for the following:-

Cleaning the church on Wednesday June 18th 10am to 2pm to make us look less dusty and less spidery!! Coffee and cake will be provided. Stewarding the Festival 21st – 24th. Please contact Joan Graham if you can help in any way - 01245 225744/07877698879 Joan_graham@hotmail.co.uk

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

Parish Church of
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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09.30 Café Praise

Readings: Acts 8: 26 - end Mark 16: 9-15, 20

Hymns:
537 For the beauty of the earth
621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
265 There's a spirit in the air
505 Tell all the world of Jesus
27 Colours of Day

Alternative Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good
desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his
risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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*

Prayers for forgiveness

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning mist, like the dew that goes
away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind
up our wounds and revive us, In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Faith

There is one God and Father **from him all things come**
There is one Lord Jesus Christ **through him we come to God.**
There is one Holy Spirit **in him we are baptised into one body**
We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Readings

Acts 8:26-end

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the
south¹ to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a
wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian

eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in
charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship
²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the
prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot
and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet
Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He
replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to
get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he
was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like
a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his
humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.' ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip,
'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or
about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with
this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As
they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the
eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being
baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them,
Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip¹ baptized
him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord
snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his
way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was
passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the
towns until he came to Caesarea.

Mark 16: 9-15, 20

Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first
to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She
went out and told those who had been with him, while they were
mourning and weeping. ¹¹ But when they heard that he was alive and
had been seen by her, they would not believe it. ¹² After this he
appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the
country. ¹³ And they went back and told the rest, but they did not
believe them. ¹⁴ Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they
were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith
and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him
after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and
proclaim the good news to the whole creation. ²⁰ And they went out
and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with
them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

Music at St Mary's

7.30pm on **Sunday** 9th June

The King's Men

(Choral scholars of King's College Choir)

Performing music, both sacred and secular

A concert for the whole family to enjoy

Light refreshments

Free admission with voluntary donations towards the
Church Music Fund

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