

Sunday 5th May

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/V2z0Q2x8yA8>

15.00 Baptism of Jack Butler

Monday 6th May

12.30 Connect Group in St John's Meeting Room

Thursday 9th May – Ascension Day

11.15 Holy Communion at St John's

12.30 Ladies Lunch: The Cricketers, Danbury

19.30 Compass Churches Ascension Day Service at St Andrew's Church, Sandon All are welcome

Celebrant & Preacher Ven. Jonathan Croucher Archdeacon of Chelmsford

Friday 10th

12.15 Lunchtime Concert (please see notice)

Sunday 12th May

08.00 Holy Communion

09.30 Parish Eucharist



Christian Aid Week 12th to 19th May (see notice)

Sharing in Ministry at St John's

Priest in Charge (Danbury and Little Baddow)

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Sunday 5th May 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

09.30 Parish Eucharist

Readings: Acts 10:44-end John 15:9-17

Hymns:

Introit Hymn 238 Come down, O love divine

Gradual Hymn 243 Come, thou Holy Spirit, come

Offertory Hymn 471 We pray thee, heavenly Father

Sending out Hymn 498 Lord, thy church on earth is seeking

Motet: Awake, thou wintry earth – JS Bach

Closing voluntary: Piano Sonata in c minor – WA Mozart

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

15.00 Baptism of Jack Butler

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

God our Father,
Whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him 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, Shirley Vale**

and please remember the faithful departed, commending them to God's love and mercy: **Margaret Clarke, Gordon Cridland**

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

Readings

Acts 10:44-end

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



Lunchtime Concert

Friday 10th May at 12.15pm

This week's concert is something a little different. Our good friend Penny Rich (clarinet and saxophones) will be joined by guitarist Gerry Cabañero duetting together as "Duology" in a programme of predominantly Spanish and Latin American music. We are looking forward to hearing this unusual combination of instruments together in our church.

Lunches will be served from 11.45am, or bring your own.

Entry is free.

St. John's Annual Church Workday

Please note **Saturday 18th May** is our annual St John's workday when everyone in the parish is invited to help to keep our church in its excellent state of repair.





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

HELP NEEDED PLEASE for the following:-

Cleaning the church on Tuesday 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

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It is that time of year again, and another opportunity to share some of our comforts with so many that have little or nothing. However big or small your cash donations are, together lives can be uplifted.

To make a donation, use our “**Red Envelopes**” which are available in the Church Porch or the On-Line by going on-line and clicking on –

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sean-obyrne-1711196476592>

Also, if you have a “**Small Change Pot or Jar**” you could donate, Phone Sean on 01245 226666 or Mark on 07730300894 for collection, or bring it to Church, marked Christian Aid.

Thank you in anticipation. Danbury Christian Aid Group



Christian Aid Diary Date

A musical and video Christian Aid Service of Thanksgiving showing how our donations are making changes to people's lives on **Sunday 12th May 3:30pm** at the URC Church, Little Baddow Road.

For info contact David on 225398 or Sean on 226666