

Monthly Newsletter



Eastertide brings Community Fun

Our monthly newsletter is slightly later this month due to me taking some time off after Easter, but May is a long month and we got plenty coming up!

We look back to a really joyful Easter, with a confirmation and baptisms. It was great to see and welcome many new faces.

A big **"thank you"** to all those who volunteered and supported the various services. From servers to cleaners, to welcomers, musicians, sound monitors and those who look after the refreshments - thank you for all you do and give to our community.

On Sunday 18th May after our 10:30 Parish Mass, we will gather for our **APCM**, an opportunity to reflect on last year and to look to the year ahead. We will welcome new PCC members, and there will be an opportunity to find out more about finance and fabric at St John's. If St John's is your spiritual home, do make an effort to be there for this important meeting.

Last month I mentioned plans for a large community event and **YES!** it did all come off and we look forward to hosting our first **Community Beer Festival** at the end of this month.

And then in June, there will be the first of a series of **Jazz concerts at St John's**, when internationally acclaimed Italian pianist and singer-songwriter Ilario Ferrari joins forces with award-winning jazz/soul singer and producer Randolph Matthews for a special duo performance.

And finally: there will be a real musical treat on **Ascension Day** when the choir from St Saviour's Church in St Albans join us for a Choral Mass: 8pm.

And finally finally: **Faith & a Pint** continues to be a time for great informal conversation about faith and life. The next meeting is on 3rd June, 7pm at the Estcourt Tavern.

With love and blessings,

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Coming up:

APCM

Sunday 18th May

Ascension Day

Thursday 29th
May

Community Beer

Festival Friday

30th May –
Sunday 1st June

Faith & a Pint

Tuesday 3rd June

Conversations in Jazz

Sunday 22nd June

What's happening at St John's



May Community Beer Festival

It may not turn out to be as colourful as the above, but it certainly should be a lot of fun as we open our doors at the end of May for our very first Community Beer Festival!

A three day festival (Friday 30th May to Sunday 1st June) with a large selection of crafts beers, music from local artists, games and delicious food. An fantastic opportunity for the community to come together in the church, at the heart of the parish.



Conversations in Jazz

A special afternoon of Jazz on Sunday 22nd June. **Songs of Today Meets Songs of Yesterday** with Ilario Ferrari and Randolph Matthews and soprano Cheryl Clark. From Italian arias to jazz classics and contemporary compositions.

Get your tickets via
<http://tiny.cc/jazzconvo>



Ascension Day Choral Mass

We look forward to welcoming the choir from St Saviour's Church in St Albans for a special Choral Mass on the evening of Ascension Day.

Service starts at 8pm and will be followed by refreshments.



Midweek Services at St John's

Monday - 8am
Morning Prayer

Tuesday - 5:30pm
Evening Prayer

Wednesday - 10am
Said Mass with Lectio Divina

Thursday - 7:30pm
2nd of the month: Mass,
Exposition and Benediction
3rd of the month: Rosary

Friday - 5:30pm
Evening Prayer

*You can also check the
calendar on our website.*