



This week's newsletter is a final call for the Jazz concert at the Rectory and a reminder of upcoming services, etc. Things do get a little less busy in the summer months...

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## This coming Sunday is Trinity 7

This week is the final part in our series on the book of Job. This Sunday there are two services in the Benefice

- **9am All Age Holy Communion at St. Faith's Kelshall** Harry is preaching and Rosemary leading. You can download a service sheet for this service from [here](#).

- **10.30am Traditional Holy Communion at St Mary's Therfield.** Harry is preaching and leading. You can download a service sheet for this service from [here](#).
- Food share is at 11.30am at St. Mary's Therfield

## Stream the service live on Facebook, catch up later, or watch just the sermon on YouTube

The **9am Service at St. Faith's** will be streamed live on Facebook at 0900 [here](#).

You will be able to watch the service at any time once it has finished, and catch up with all our previous stream of worship here: [www.facebook.com/stmarysandstfaiths/live\\_videos/](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysandstfaiths/live_videos/)

Just the sermon will be edited and uploaded to our YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/user/edwinharry1](http://www.youtube.com/user/edwinharry1)) at 6pm on Sunday



## For the young and creative types!

The activities this week are based on the Old Testament lectionary reading - David and the mistakes he made. You can find the activities [here](#).



## Jazz Concert: Tickets are still available!

In the Rectory garden, on Saturday **17th July, 2-5pm** we are having a Jazz picnic. We have a fabulous band with us this year - get a bit of a feel for how they sound by listening to the above video.

Bring a garden chair and a picnic (and something to drink!) and enjoy some live music and socially distanced conversation with your bubble of six. Ticket price includes a glass of pimms and money raised will go to the St. Mary's Centenary Trust.

Tickets available from:

Jan - 07715 831356 or 287556. - [janethiscutt@gmail.com](mailto:janethiscutt@gmail.com)

Rosy - 07906 396583 or 284025 - [therfieldct@outlook.com](mailto:therfieldct@outlook.com)

Tickets £15 each. Children under 12 get in for free.

We have a new band this year - The Red Hot Rags

<https://www.theredhotrags.com/>



**WE NEED YOUR  
HELP!**

For those aged 10-16 we are having pizzas at the Rectory (SG8 9QD) on Sunday 18th July 1700-1900. Come along to eat pizza and find out how you can get involved in some new ideas and events we are planning.

RSVP to [hsteele@stalbens.anglican.org](mailto:hsteele@stalbens.anglican.org) or 07918085928



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# Youth Pizza Social

On **Sunday 18th July from 5-7pm** in the Rectory garden there is a pizza social. Stone baked pizzas - build you own toppings, for those aged about 10-16 years old.

The catch...?

We want to ask you, if we had a youth social once a month, what kind of things might you want to do. And also to see if you can help us with some of the things we have planned for the young children.

Parents are allowed too, but will be ignored by their own teenagers (standard).

Those who might like to help with youth work in the future are allowed too.

RSVP via email: [hsteele@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:hsteele@stalbans.anglican.org) or WhatsApp: 07918085928



## Pet Service

On **Sunday 25th July at 10am** we have a joint benefice service at **St. Mary's** with the theme of pets and animals. And you get to bring your pets to church (if you want to)!

The bringing of animals into church has a deep symbolic importance. It symbolises both God's care for all creatures, and also the need for humanity to care for animals. It also provides a practical glimpse of the biblical vision of

creation in praise.

The service is open to all: I hope you might invite friends and neighbours to join us. And of course you can come if you don't have a pet, or choose to not bring your pet with you.

Note: Younger children who bring companion animals to church should always be accompanied by an adult. Animals should be transported and handled appropriately in accordance with RSPCA advice on pet care. Fresh drinking water should always be available, and animals should not be placed alongside other species with whom they don't get on well! If you don't want to bring your pet, you may choose to bring a photo or some other representation instead.

## Upcoming Dates

- **Morning Contemplation and prayer** every Tuesday at 8.45am. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83805340830>
- **Bible Study** is back on Tuesday 20 July at 7.30pm at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83805340830> We will be looking at the last study we are doing on the book of Job and so taking a deep look at one of the readings and sermon from Sunday. A reminder that you can have a read and think about the questions, as well as use the Bible reading plan, to go a bit deeper with the book of Job. Find it [here](#). This is the last one before we break for the summer.
- Sunday and Wednesday **Food Share** from 11.30am on Sunday and Wednesday
- **Morning Prayer** is every Thursday at 10am Log in to Zoom and enter meeting ID: 245 025 8414

## Dates from The Diocese

Here are some training opportunities from the diocese. These aren't always suitable for everyone, so do be in touch to ask. Many of them are very helpful and inspiring:

- Thursday 22nd July, 7-8pm, '**Webinar: Leading your Church into Growth taster evening.**' Free online event on Zoom. See <https://fb.me/e/4Wcl1o6d5>
- Thursday 30th September 2-3.15pm, **Ministry to older people and the socially isolated: Zoom Café.** As we begin to emerge from lockdown, how might we effectively engage with those who may have had significant periods of self-isolation. May be nervous of coming out of lockdown, or those who just feel a little unsure? Come along to join the discussion and share your thoughts. See <https://fb.me/e/duuYyh6vH>

- Thursday 6th October 2-3.15pm **Rural Ministry: frustrations and opportunities: Zoom Café.** A chance to get together to share in the frustrations and opportunities that are perhaps particular to rural ministry. Come hoping for answers and to offer support and ideas to others in similar situations. See <https://fb.me/e/duuYyh6vH>
  - 6pm Friday 15th - 3pm 17th October **Leading your Church into Growth Conference** for all clergy and readers and leaders in mission, three days to inspire, encourage and equip you on growing 'normal' parish churches. At the heavily subsidised price of £85 (this includes full board at the lovely High Leigh conference centre in Hoddesdon). For more info do ask. Once you have all the info you need you can book [here](#)
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