

St Hugh



St John

Chells

An Anglican/Methodist local ecumenical partnership

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## Notices May/June 2026

**Safeguarding is important here - your children under 18 remain your responsibility at all times**



*Holy Breath of God, you are the Life-force that creates, sustains and renews all of your creation; you are the Strength of the vulnerable; the Gentleness of the mighty and powerful; and you are the Eye that oversees all things. Through your life-giving Spirit we live and move and have our being, but without that Presence – we are finished.*

**Joan Stott**

### **Thanks**

- Theresa Harris for a donation to Safe Space provisions
- To all who supported the MAD coffee morning - £112.40

**Say a prayer for me.** Have you seen our prayer box, on the left as you come into church. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to use it to ask for prayer. It is very confidential

**Easy fundraising** - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

If you shop on line, you could raise money for our church if you're not doing it for anyone else. Download the app, sign up with your email and shop through the Easyfundraising site. No cost to you - dosh for us!

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**CYRIL'S FUNERAL** is Tuesday 19th May at 2pm. You are warmly invited to stay on after the funeral till the family return from the crematorium.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY.** 24th May. Joanna Bacon, Bridge Builders Director is coming to tell us about their work. There is also a baptism at the 10am service. It's traditional to wear something red.

**MAINTENANCE MORNING.** Saturday 30th May, 9.30am-1pm. All welcome to garden, clean, do 'odd' jobs - bring gloves, garden tools etc

**ECO CAFE CHURCH.** Sunday 31st May, 10am An opportunity to think about what it means to be an Eco church and to think about our plans to create a wildlife garden and a community garden

**MORNING PRAYER.** Saturday 13th June, 9.30am - an opportunity pray however you feel able. Focussing on all things green. Speak to Catherine for more information

**ECO CHURCH COFFEE MORNING.** Saturday 13th June, 10am. Speak to Clare for more information

**MHA SUNDAY.** 14th June. Methodist Homes (MHA) is a charity founded by the Methodist Church in 1943 to enable people to live later life well and supports over 18,000 older people across England, Wales, and beyond. They provide residential, nursing, and dementia care homes; retirement living communities; community-based support for people living independently; and a UK-wide telephone befriending service. There will be retiring collection for them after the service

**STEVENAGE DAY.** Sunday 14th June, 12-5.30pm. If you can help on the Churches Together stall, please speak to Catherine Smith.

**QUIZ NIGHT.** Saturday 27th June, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. In aid of MAD charities - Garden House Hospice and The Living Room.

**OPEN AIR SERVICE.** Sunday 28th June, 10am

## **SAFEGUARDING**

If you have a safeguarding concern you can phone or email Catherine Smith our Safeguarding officer directly (t. 07597 765 261 or [safeguardingsthughstjohn@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardingsthughstjohn@gmail.com)), or fill out a safeguarding referral form. Forms are in the First Aid cupboard in the kitchen and once filled out should be put in a sealed envelope and given to a member of the safeguarding team. In their absence, the envelope can be given to Chandy Perera, Clare Farthing, Ruth Jermy or David Belton who will pass the envelope on unopened. The information in the envelope is confidential and will only be shared according to safeguarding guidelines.

## **More about money**

Thanks to all who give so generously to church. In the current economic climate we have to maximise our giving. If you buy 'stuff' for church and want it to be a gift, please claim for it as an expense and then give it back to us as a donation. We can then claim the gift aid which means your 'gift' has a third added to it at no extra cost to you. If you don't pay tax, put your donation in the loose change collection and we can claim the gift aid that way. It also means church has a better picture of how much church really costs.

## **May**

Lodge Farm assemblies

17th We welcome Christine Warren at 10am  
19th Cyril's funeral  
24th Pentecost - see above  
27th Community breakfast, 7.30am  
30th Maintenance morning - see above  
31st Cafe church - see above

## **June**

7th Safeguarding meeting  
13th Morning prayer and eco church coffee morning - see above  
14th Methodist Homes Association - there will be a retiring collection  
Stevenage Day - see above  
16th MAD meeting  
27th Quiz night  
28th Outdoor service, 10am

## **Every week:**

Sunday 8.45am Morning worship.  
10.00am Morning worship  
Monday 11.00am. Bible study - meets at church  
8.00pm Bible friendship group.- meets at church and on zoom  
Tuesday 9.15am Chells Little Stars.  
12-1.00pm Safe space - tea, coffee, cheese sandwiches, cuppa soup  
Wednesday 8.00pm Night prayer on zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979205257> Meeting ID: 879 7920 5257  
Thursday 11.00am Quiet communion  
12-1.00pm Safe space - tea, coffee, cheese sandwiches, cuppa soup

## **Prayers for:**

- peace between The USA, Israel and the Arab states, Ukraine and Russia, South Sudan, Nigeria
- In all the rhetoric about immigration help us to see the image of God in others and those who would appropriate the cross for their own ends. The rise of anti-semitism
- New and returning local councillors
- For all those being persecutee for their faith, particularly, Christians in Northern India and Pakistan
- those struggling with the cost of living rises, especially families with children and older people on their own
- For the new JCC, our continuing wardens and steward and all those who've agreed to be on cttees
- For young people who are starting to think about moving schools and/or going to university/college
- for us as we continue to think about our Mission Action Plan - what are the practical things we want to be included/how do we want to grow with god
- Our heating, our finances, our plans to be more eco friendly
- For all who have mental health issues, struggle with depression and anxiety and the ambiguities of memory loss
- those who have asked for healing and wholeness:... ..
- the family and friends of those who have died recently, Cyril Atkinson and those whose years mind falls this month