

PEW NEWS



Sunday Service

JOSEPH'S STORY

SEEING CLEARLY

Hope for the judged and judging

Hope in the Mess of Life

Welcome to St John the Baptist church

Our Pew news is your the best way of keeping informed about upcoming events, services and prayer meetings.

What to Expect at Church:
During our gatherings we do a mixture of singing, praying, listening to a sermon and chatting to each other.

7th June 2026

HOLY COMMUNION 11AM (CW)

Rev Fiona Ellingham

SERVICES IN JUNE



7th June
11:00 HC CW JOSEPH'S STORY
Seeing clearly

14th June
08:30 HC CW JOSEPH'S STORY
11:00 M **What went wrong?**

21st June
11:00 SERVICES TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH DATE
18:00 E OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

28th June
08:30 HC BCP JOSEPH'S STORY
11:00 HC CW **A time of testing. Hope for change.**

HC- Holy Communion E- Evensong M- Morning Prayer CW- Common Worship BCP - Book of Common Prayer

SEEING CLEARLY - HOPE FOR THE JUDGED AND JUDGING

Welcome to this week's Pew News.

Music at the Manor is this Saturday — a joyful evening of beautiful live music, warm community, and summer atmosphere in a lovely setting.

After that splendid evening, we'll continue Joseph's story by pausing at Genesis 38 — a chapter that challenges how we see people.

It's easy to judge others quickly or carry the weight of feeling judged ourselves. But God's perspective is always deeper, kinder, and truer than our own, and this week we're invited to see through his eyes.

May you know the Lord's peace this week, be held in Christ's embrace, and walk in the Spirit's wisdom and strength. ✨🙏

Fiona



REV FIONA ELLINGHAM

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St John the Baptist Annual Meeting

The following were elected as church council members for St John the Baptist

- Pat Banfield (StJB lay rep)
- Caroline Burton (Worship)
- Emma Cleugh (Events Support)
- Daphne Dru (Safeguarding lead)
- Peter Osborn (Buildings and Fabric)
- Sharon Lindahn (Churches Together in Marlow)
- Peter Rodger (StJB CW)
- Jeff Smith (StJB CW & DS)
- Mike Toromme (Buildings and Fabric)



The Church council next meets on **Tuesday, 14th July at 5pm**

[Find out about the recent topics and actions.](#)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The following were elected:

Church Wardens

All Saints, Marlow:

Ross Bull and Rachel Bourdillon

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow:

Peter Rodger and Jeff Smith

The Lantern, Marlow Bottom:

Nigel Lewis and Monica Tremeer

All Saints, Bisham

Mark Garrad

Please do join Jeff and Peter and all others within the deanery at the archdeacon's visitation service, as they are sworn in to serve as Church Wardens

All Saints Church, Church Street, High Wycombe HP11 2DE, Monday 22nd June at 7:30pm

Team Council members elected:

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| ● Pat Banfield (StJB lay rep) | ● Billy Farmer (ASM DS) | ● Pat Reading (ASM DS) |
| ● Rachel Bourdillon (ASM CW) | ● Rev Sam Follett (Rector/chair) | ● Peter Rodger (StJB CW) |
| ● Ross Bull (ASM CW & DS) | ● Mark Garrad (ASB CW) | ● Jeff Smith (StJB CW & DS) |
| ● Rev Carol Cooper (Clergy - ASB) | ● Nigel Lewis (L CW) | ● Monica Tremeer (L CW) |
| ● Phillip Dawson (ASM DS) | ● Tim Linacre (ASB lay rep) | ● Rev Tom Venables (Curate L) |
| ● Rev Fiona Ellingham (Clergy - StJB) | ● Laura-Anne Putterford (ASM DS) | ● Rev Graham Watts (Clergy L) |

CW - Church Warden

ASB - All Saints, Bisham

L - The Lantern Church

DS - Deanery Synod

ASM - All Saints, Marlow

StJB - St John the Baptist

Please do pray for the various activities taking place this coming week:

DATE	ACTIVITY		
Sunday 7 th June	11:00	Holy communion (CW) <i>Joseph's Story: Seeing Clearly</i>	Rev Fiona Ellingham
Tuesday 9 th June	19:30	Please pray for the Team Council Meeting at All Saints, Bisham	Team Council Members
Wednesday 10 th June	11:00	Fellowship Group <i>Cliveden Manor Care Home</i>	Rev Fiona Ellingham
Thursday 11 th June	10:00	Collective worship <i>Holy Trinity school</i>	Rev Fiona Ellingham
Friday 12 th June	10:30 - 12:00	Little Saints <i>Cliveden Manor Care Home</i>	Rev Fiona Ellingham
Sunday 14 th June	08:30	<i>Joseph's Story: What went wrong?</i> Holy communion (CW)	Revs Graham Watts & Gabrielle Smith.
	11:00	Mattins (BCP)	Helen White

Joseph's story:
Hope in the mess of life

“ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”
Genesis 50:20

DATE	WEEK	THEME	BIBLE PASSAGE
1 31 May 2026	Trinity Sunday	A family at war. <i>Hope for dysfunctional families.</i>	Genesis 37
2 7 June 2026	Trinity 1	Seeing clearly. <i>Hope for the judged and the judging.</i>	Genesis 38
3 14 June 2026	Trinity 2	What went wrong? <i>Hope when life feels so unfair.</i>	Genesis 39
4 21 June 2026	Trinity 3	Wasted years? <i>Hope in times of famine.</i>	Genesis 40-41
5 28 June 2026	Trinity 4	A time of testing. <i>Hope for change.</i>	Genesis 42-43
6 5 July 2026	Trinity 5	Continued testing. <i>Hope for reconciliation.</i>	Genesis 44-45
7 12 July 2026	Trinity 6	Jacob's journey. <i>Hope for the journey home.</i>	Genesis 46-47
8 19 July 2026	Trinity 7	The mystery of providence. <i>Hope in a good God.</i>	Genesis 48-50

A STORY OF SUFFERING AND GRACE. | A GOD OF PROVIDENCE. | A HOPE THAT LASTS.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, LITTLE MARLOW
CHURCH SUMMER FESTIVAL

Floral and art displays
celebrating our patron St John the Baptist

THE HEALING GARDEN
Featuring the artwork of Anna Payne
Paintings - Artist Books - Reflective Space

A space to pause, reflect and find restoration

Step into a peaceful Healing Garden among our flower displays

Prayers for healing offered on the hour

Saturday 20th June
11am - 5pm
Art, flowers, activities & refreshments

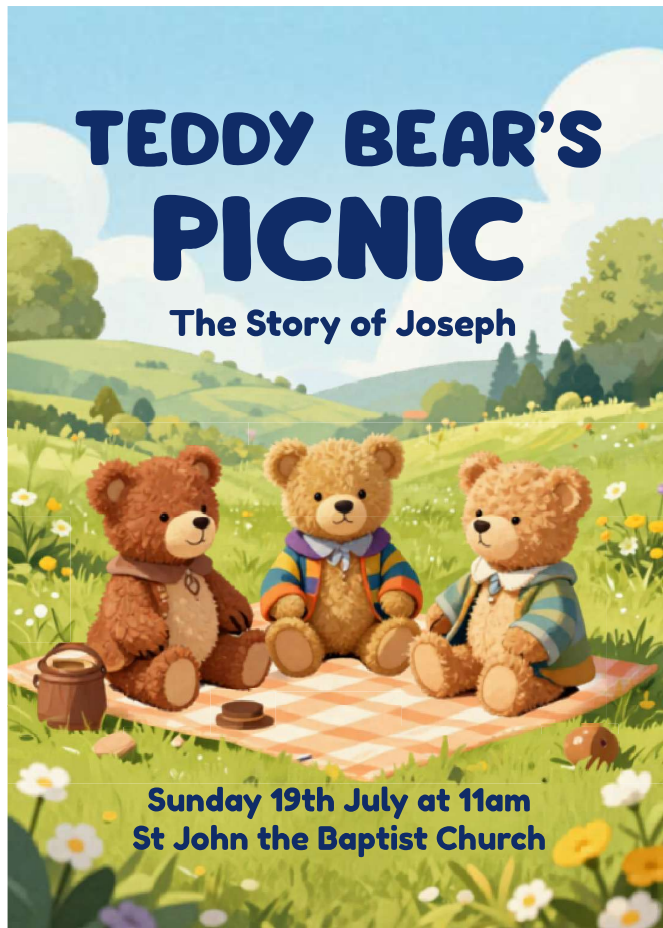
Sunday 21st June
11am - Noon: Festival Service
2pm - 5pm: Flowers, Activities, Cakes & Teas

Relax with friends and neighbours in the church and its lovely grounds
St John the Baptist Church
Church Road, Little Marlow, SL7 3RU
Everyone is very welcome
ART - FLOWERS - REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL
Registered UK Charity No: 1130498

"The theme for flower arrangements in the church for this year's Patronal Festival on 20/21 June is "Healing".

If you would like to sponsor and dedicate an arrangement in a window or pedestal for this please contact Caroline Burton at carolineburton@outlook.com with details of your request."

Save the date....



St John the Baptist Church,
Little Marlow, Bucks SL7 3RZ

You are warmly invited to

HYMNS & PIMMS

**Soft drinks available too*

**SUNDAY 19TH JULY
6PM**

Tell us your favourite hymns
and book your place

BOOK HERE

<https://bit.ly/HymnsPimms26>

or email

fiona.ellingham@4u-team.org

Church Festival

*Celebrating the birth of our patron
John the Baptist*

**SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 11AM-5PM
& SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2-5PM**

We need your help!

If you would like to be involved in any of
the following:

- Welcomers/stewards to be on hand for visitors
- Providing cake/biscuits for the refreshments
- Serving refreshments
- Setting up gazebos
- Setting up tables and chairs
- Moving and setting up furniture in the church
- Loan of Gazebos for shade or cover from rain
- Washing-uppers
- Clearing up

Please sign up or speak to Pat or Fiona
for more information



Hymns and Readings

Joseph's story: *Hope in the mess of life*



SEEING CLEARLY: *Hope for the judged and judging*

HYMNS

475 Ye holy angels bright

239 Lord of all hopefulness

64 Be thou my guardian and my guide

439 Praise to the Holiest in the height

READINGS

Genesis 38:12-30

¹²In course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died; when Judah's time of mourning was over,^[a] he went up to Timnah to his sheep-shearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. ¹³When Tamar was told, 'Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep', ¹⁴she put off her widow's garments, put on a veil, wrapped herself up, and sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. She saw that Shelah was grown up, yet she had not been given to him in marriage. ¹⁵When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a prostitute, for she had covered her face. ¹⁶He went over to her at the roadside, and said, 'Come, let me come in to you', for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, 'What will you give me, that you may come in to me?' ¹⁷He answered, 'I will send you a kid from the flock.' And she said, 'Only if you give me a pledge, until you send it.' ¹⁸He said, 'What pledge shall I give you?' She replied, 'Your signet and your cord, and the staff that is in your hand.' So he gave them to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him. ¹⁹Then she got up and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

²⁰When Judah sent the kid by his friend the Adullamite, to recover the pledge from the woman, he could not find her. ²¹He asked the townspeople, 'Where is the temple prostitute who was at Enaim by the wayside?' But they said, 'No prostitute has been here.' ²²So he returned to Judah, and said, 'I have not found her; moreover, the townspeople said, "No prostitute has been here."' ²³Judah replied, 'Let her keep the things as her own, otherwise we will be laughed at; you see, I sent this kid, and you could not find her.'

²⁴About three months later Judah was told, 'Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the whore; moreover she is pregnant as a result of whoredom.' And Judah said, 'Bring her out, and let her be burned.' ²⁵As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, 'It was the owner of these who made me pregnant.' And she said, 'Take note, please, whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.' ²⁶Then Judah acknowledged them and said, 'She is

more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.' And he did not lie with her again.

²⁷ When the time of her delivery came, there were twins in her womb. ²⁸ While she was in labour, one put out a hand; and the midwife took and bound on his hand a crimson thread, saying, 'This one came out first.' ²⁹ But just then he drew back his hand, and out came his brother; and she said, 'What a breach you have made for yourself!' Therefore he was named Perez.^[b] ³⁰ Afterwards his brother came out with the crimson thread on his hand; and he was named Zerah.^[c]

Matthew 1:1-6a

The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

1 An account of the genealogy^[a] of Jesus the Messiah,^[b] the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴ and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah,

If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in the Church, please send a note with the date, the reason for the request and a donation to Mrs Caroline Burton Tel 01628 522589 or carolineburton@outlook.com.

Finally, ever feel out of the loop, missed a Sunday and not sure what is going on? Send your email address to dallas@dbanco.co.uk and I will send you an electronic pew sheet. Please send any additions or amendments for this pew sheet to Dallas Banfield at dallas@dbanco.co.uk or telephone 01628 526851 by 6pm on Thursday of each week.