

# ALL SAINTS'



## This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

### Services/events for this week

#### Sixth Sunday after Trinity 11<sup>th</sup> July

**10.00 Family Eucharist** 'John the Baptist' in All Saints, with choral and organ music by Hakim, Arcger, Elgar & Whitbourn.

#### 16.00 Prayer and Praise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85853370175>  
Meeting ID: 858 5337 0175

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

#### 11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87458760537>  
Meeting ID: 874 5876 0537

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July

#### 11.00 Holy Communion in Church

#### 'Zoom'-ing by 'phone

Call 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131460 1196 and use meeting id followed by #

## Generosity and John the Baptist

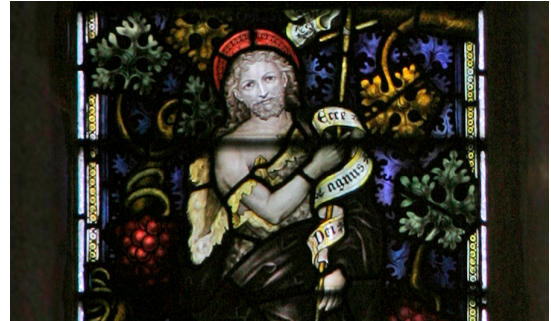
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your amazing and generous support for All Saints Gift Day, you gave £13,730 and when we claim the Gift Aid tax back we will have raised almost £17,000 of the £24,000 that we need to raise in order to keep ourselves from going too far into the red. I have been very moved by the lovely comments and generous amounts that you have given. **STOP PRESS Total now £21,000.**

As Colin, our treasurer said, this was a good result. Thank you for your great generosity and care for All Saints. By the way, if you didn't manage to give a donation it's never too late to send in your donation.

This week we will hear about John the Baptist: when we think about his life, teaching and death, I believe that there are five important life lessons we can learn from him:

1 Everyone is different and unique. John certainly looked strange with his garments and unusual diet and yet he followed his calling and was prepared to look and behave in a very different way to society around him.



2 He is prepared to challenge. He felt that Herod had acted wrongly and told him so. Traditions and power are not always right and living in a Godly way will not always mean social conformity or acceptance when attitudes are selfish and uncaring.

3 Live what you believe. John lived an ascetic life and truly 'walked the walk'.

4 He pointed away from himself to Christ. John's purpose was to prepare people for the coming of the messiah. It worth analysing when we act or say things, does this reflect God's love or am I pushing myself and my own ideas here?

5 Doubts are normal. When John was in prison he began to wonder whether he had been right and whether Jesus was truly the messiah. Unless we do allow ourselves to have doubts and questions, and these will often occur at difficult times in our lives, our faith cannot grow or deepen.

Let's be inspired and see, even in unusual non-conforming characters, lives and ideas worth reflecting on.

Love and prayers,  
Jo

# Our Churchyard

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## The Churchyard

The churchyard is a haven for wildlife in all its forms. During this summer growing season, the grasses and wildflowers have purposely been left to grow by the Town Council staff who maintain the area.

If you would like to know more, or be involved or if you have any concerns please phone one of the church wardens:

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## Doh - Ray - Me

Fans of 'The Sound of Music' may believe that what is known in music circles as Tonic Sol-Fa derives from the song 'Doe, a deer, a female deer; Ray, a drop of golden sun' in which each phrase starts one note higher than the previous one.

The actual basis is much older: the 11<sup>th</sup> century tune for a 7<sup>th</sup> century hymn *Ut queant laxis* written in honour of St John the Baptist. The first six lines of the melody all start one higher in the same way as 'Doe, a deer' does. Tonic Sol-Fa uses the first syllable of each line to help remember the different pitches.

The organ piece at the end of the 10.00 am service this Sunday is a set of variations on this tune. In the original 'Doh' is 'Ut' and that is still how the scale is described in France.

**Ut** queant laxis **re**sonāre fibrīs **Mī**ra gestōrum  
**famulī** tuōrum, **Solve** pollūtī **labī** reātum,  
**Sā**ncte Iohannēs.

*So that your servants may, with loosened voices,  
resound the wonders of your deeds, clean the guilt  
from our stained lips, O Saint John*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ut\\_queant\\_laxis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ut_queant_laxis)

## The Falcons

Two more recently taken pictures of our new residents.



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