

# NEWSLETTER

## PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP REMAINS SUSPENDED UNTIL 4 JULY. CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.

### SUNDAY 28 JUNE:

*St John's*

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30am

**The Parish Eucharist**

– worship resources will be available online as the Vicar offers the Eucharist in church – A recording will be available at 9.30am on the Parish website.

10.00am

A Live Streaming of the Service at St Albans Abbey, the Mother Church of the Diocese, can be joined via

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No public Services during the Week.

St John's open every day 9.30am-5.00pm for Private Prayer

St Francis' open Wednesday & Sunday 3.00-5.00pm for Private Prayer

Wednesday

11.00am

Coffee Morning via Zoom – request link from the Vicar

Thursday

8.15pm

Happy Hour Drinks via Zoom – request link from the Vicar

### SUNDAY 5 JULY:

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## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

### **all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:**

our Hospitals and all health professionals

our Schools, shops, and other services

HM Government, advisors and researchers

our economy and the leaders of industry

for all who are infected and their families

for all who are self-isolating and anxious

for all where relationships are violent or broken

for all who are struggling financially

**those who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Michele Finch, Jean, John Hutton, Beryl King, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pauline Webb;

**those with ongoing needs:** Richard Berry, Trevor Boyce, Sheila Charge, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Jean Hammond, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Tom Hood, Anne Hosier, Catherine Keppel, Nicholas King, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Samuel & James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, Marion Roff, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Vicky, Ken Warby, Christine Wilson, Rory Wilson, Mike Winch;

If you wish to be remembered at Morning and Evening Prayer only, please contact the Vicar.

### **those who have died recently:**

Stella Chandler funeral: 2 July attended by family members only

Pamela Webber funeral: 7 July attended by family members only

Michele Lafleur, Mark Wade, Peter Knight, Margaret Gosney

### **and we pray for their families and friends.**

**Years mind 28 June – 4 July:** Yzabel Field (29.6.19), Philip Pennington (29.6.18).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** Hemel Vineyard Church

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**PARISH NOTICES**

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:**

- St John's and St Francis' are now **OPEN** for **PRIVATE PRAYER** as follows:
  - St John's is open for Private Prayer 9.30am-5.00pm every day (Saturdays 10.30am-5.30pm).
  - St Francis' will be open on Wednesdays and Sundays 3.00-5.00pmPlease follow the guidance in church regarding distancing. Prayer resources will be available.
- Churches can open for Public Worship from 4 July. We are working out what will be possible and what that will look like. More details will be in the Vicar's Letter next week, on our Website, and on Facebook.
- The Eucharist will be celebrated and broadcast from St John's each Sunday. Worship resources remain available on our Website [www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources)
- Please keep praying for, and phoning/writing to, each other and helping where there is need.

**GARNER DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to Peter and Jean Garner who celebrated 60 years of married life together on 25 June. Peter and Jean were married at 10.30am in St John's so it was fitting that they stood in front of the High Altar and affirmed their marriage vows and gave thanks for their marriage. Family members joined the celebrations in their garden from a suitable distance!

**VANESSA LICENSED TO MINISTRY:** Please hold in your prayers Vanessa Hadley-Spencer – former Head Chorister of St John's and Ordinand – who was due to be made Deacon this weekend before Covid-19 prevented services. Bishop Michael will licence Vanessa as a Lay Worker to the Parish of Waltham Cross this weekend instead. A date for her Ordination to the Deaconate is to be arranged. May God bless Vanessa as she labours in his vineyard.

**STELLA FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Capacity restrictions at the Crematorium prevent our attendance at Stella's funeral which will be attended by family only. However, should you wish to pay your respects, her coffin will be driven past St John's (along Station Road) at 10.45am on 2 July on the way to her funeral. It's fitting that her final journey incorporates St John's and you are welcome to line the route outside St John's – whilst observing distancing. If you would like to attend Stella's funeral virtually please email the Vicar or Ruth for log-on details.

**MASJ CONCERTS:** GREAT NEWS! The Summer Series is upon us and can be experienced via the MASJ Website [www.masj.org.uk](http://www.masj.org.uk) The first concert, which was given by Doug Coleman on trombone with Elliot Launn on piano, went live on Friday but can be viewed at any time. Future concerts will go live at 12.30pm each Friday.

**MAGAZINES:** Magazines for July will be distributed this week if they haven't already reached you. If you haven't subscribed it can be viewed on our website: [www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/magazine](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/magazine)

**CONDOLENCES:** Our condolences, prayers and best wishes to the Venerable Jeanette Gosney (former Associate Minister) and her family following her mother, Margaret's passing from this world to the next on Monday.

**WORSHIPPING WITHOUT THE INTERNET:** There are some members of the congregation who struggle with the internet or don't have a computer. Hopefully you have been receiving the Order of Service for the Parish Eucharist from your buddies or another source. If you would like to join a service via the Phone, the Church of England has launched DAILY HOPE – a 24 hour free-phone line with a service, music, prayers etc. Call 0800 804 8044.

**ONLINE COFFEE-MORNING/ EVENING HAPPY HOUR:** Our Online Social gatherings via Zoom seem to be going well. Everyone appears to be enjoying seeing each other. You would be most welcome to join these weekly gatherings.

*Please email the Vicar if you are interested and he'll send you the link.*

**Coffee Morning: Wednesdays at 11.00am      Evening Happy Hour: Thursdays at 8.15pm**

**BOOKS AVAILABLE:** Thank you to those people who took some of the books I had last week and gave me a donation for church funds. Over £30 received already. There are plenty left on the original list and today there is a new list of 100 or so paperback fiction books given to me this week. Email me if you would like any of them or call me on 01442 242543 to arrange collection/delivery. Many thanks. Alan Munford

**CHURCH WORKS:** Sincere thanks to the Maintenance Team who have transformed the south side of the Churchyard. The Memorial Garden flower bed looks stunning (Roses will be planted in the Autumn and available to sponsor in memory of loved ones), the paths cleaned and repaired, grass cut, trees pruned, and now work begins on the north side. Our grounds look so much more cared for – thank you. (Pictures in Vicar's Letter)

**OPEN CHURCHES:** St John's is now open every day and St Francis' on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons for Private Prayer. Although people are not queuing out of the door a good number of people are visiting each day - lighting candles, leaving prayer requests, spending time in these hallowed spaces. If you able, pop-in and enjoy the peace our buildings offer. Suitable precautions are in place to keep you safe whilst you visit.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL:** You can receive a copy of this Newsletter every week by email. Send your email address to [stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) and you will be added to the distribution list.

**TEXT GIVING:** Not everyone carries cash around with them. Not everyone is able to give regularly to the Church or via Direct Debit. But would giving via Text Message help? Please see details in the Pews or Text **PLATE 5** to give £5, or **PLATE 10** to give £10, to **70085**.

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