

# NEWSLETTER

## **PUBLIC WORSHIP RESUMES THIS SUNDAY**

**SERVICES WILL BE SUBJECT TO RULES AND GUIDANCE ISSUED**

**BY THE NATIONAL CHURCH & GOVERNMENT**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS SAFE**

**ALL CHURCH CLUBS & GROUPS REMAIN SUSPENDED**

### **SUNDAY 5 JULY:**

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

*St John's*

**10.00am Parish Eucharist**

*St John's*

*conducted under new guidelines and streamed later in the day on our website for those unable to join.*

*St John's open daily 9.30am-5.00pm for Private Prayer*

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

*Monday-Friday*

**9.00am Morning Prayer** **5.00pm Evening Prayer**

*St John's*

*Wednesday*

**10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

*St John's*

**11.00am Coffee Morning via Zoom – request link from the Vicar**

**5.00pm Evening Prayer**

*St Francis'*

*Thursday*

**8.15pm Happy Hour Drinks via Zoom – request link from the Vicar**

### **SUNDAY 12 JULY:**

*St John's*

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

*St John's*

**10.00am Parish Eucharist**

*St John's*

*conducted under new guidelines and streamed later in the day on our website for those unable to join.*

### **YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

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

our hospitals and all health professionals

for all who are infected and their families

our schools, shops, and other services

for all who are self-isolating and anxious

HM Government, advisors and researchers

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:**

Pamela Webber

funeral: 7 July attended by family members only

Stella Chandler, Mark Wade, Peter Knight, Margaret Gosney.

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

**Years mind 5-11 July:** Harold Humphreys (6.7.18), June Fendley (9.7.18), Diana Edwards (10.7.19), Kathleen Szabo (10.7.16)

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## PARISH NOTICES

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:**

- Public Worship will resume this Sunday (5 July) at St John's, but with specific guidelines:
  - Washing of hands/use of hand sanitiser is required on entry and exit.
  - Social Distancing of 2m to be maintained where possible.
  - Face coverings may be worn but are not mandatory.
  - Households/bubbles may sit together, otherwise distancing to be observed. Labelled seating to help.
  - Up to 50 people may be attend each Service in church on a first come, first served basis. Worshippers will be asked for contact details on arrival for test and trace, should this be necessary.
  - Although there will be music during the service, we will not be singing.
  - Communion will be administered in one kind (sharing of the Common Cup still suspended). Please follow the directions of the Sidespeople.
  - Worshippers are requested to limiting their touch of unnecessary surfaces.
  - Orders of Service and other worship resources will be available for use and are to be taken home.
  - This is not a return to normal but the next step to returning to normal. Things will look and feel slightly different.
  - Junior Church remains suspended and the Children's Room and Activity bags will be out of use.
  - Financial offerings will be via the Plate stationed at the back of church, not passed between each other.

It will be a joy to welcome as many as are able to return to Public Worship but we acknowledge this will not be possible for everyone. We are making the church as safe as we can for you to return but if you are shielding please observe Government guidance. This is your Church and you will be always welcome here.

- For those unable to physically join the Parish Eucharist at 10.00am it will be streamed on our website at 6.00pm. The usual Worship resources remain available on our Website [www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)
- Phased return to Public Worship means no Public Worship at St Francis' or St Stephen's for the time being. We have moved the Parish Eucharist to 10.00am to help accommodate those who prefer a later service time.
- Holy Communion will also be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10.00am at St John's. This will be followed by the Zoom Coffee Morning at 11.00am.
- This practice will be reviewed after the Service as we develop the best practice we can offer. A Booking system might be introduced if we are unable to accommodate everyone, or a 3<sup>rd</sup> service.
- St John's and St Francis' are **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.
- Please keep praying for our Key Workers, each other, and all those infected and affected by this horrible virus.
- Please keep praying for, and phoning/writing to, each other and helping where there is need, especially those unable to join us physically for Worship.

**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) Concerts will go live at 12.30pm each Friday and can be viewed at any time after that.

**WORSHIPPING WITHOUT THE INTERNET:** 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**

**THANK YOU:** Jean and Peter Garner would like to thank everyone most sincerely for their cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary – Thank you all.

**THANK YOU:** Stella Chandler's family would like to express their gratitude for the moving witness of friends who lined the grounds of St John's as her coffin made its way to the crematorium. A Service of Thanksgiving will be arranged in due course.

**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 £40 received already. There are plenty left on the original list and a second list of 100 or so paperback fiction books. 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 has commenced on the north side. Our grounds look so much more cared for – thank you.