

NEWSLETTER

PUBLIC WORSHIP OFFERED AT ST JOHN'S

SERVICES WILL BE SUBJECT TO RULES AND GUIDANCE ISSUED

BY THE NATIONAL CHURCH & GOVERNMENT

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS SAFE

ST FRANCIS', ST STEPHEN'S, AND ALL CHURCH CLUBS & GROUPS REMAIN SUSPENDED

SUNDAY 19 JULY:

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

*conducted under new guidelines and streamed from 6.00pm
on our website for those unable to join physically.*

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
Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer St John's

St Mary Magdelene, Apostle to the Apostles

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

8.00pm Wedding Rehearsal St John's

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

Saturday

St James, Apostle

2.00pm Wedding: Toms & Toms-Mann St John's

SUNDAY 26 JULY:

St John's

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

*conducted under new guidelines and streamed from 6.00pm
on our website for those unable to join physically*

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 & Debby, 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:

Michael Hollis

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 19-25 July: Patricia Findlay (19.7.15), Adam Hassall (19.7.15), Allison Honeycombe (22.7.19), Eileen Wright (23.7.19), Eric Parker (23.7.16), Eric Winter (24.7.18),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: DENS – Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter – Services for homeless people

PARISH NOTICES

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

- Public Worship resumed on Sunday 5 July at St John's, 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 65 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 look and feel slightly differently but we will get used to it..
 - Junior Church remains suspended and the Children's Room and Activity bags are out of use.
 - Financial offerings will be via the Plate stationed at the back of church, not passed between each other.

It is 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
 - 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 continues to be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10.00am at St John's. This is followed by the Zoom Coffee Morning at 11.00am.
 - This practice has been, and will continue to be reviewed as we develop the best practice we can offer. We are pleased that we can increase capacity to 65 and a Booking system has not yet been needed.
 - 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 3.00-5.00pm
- Please 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.

DENS WEEK: Our local Night Shelter and Food Bank are having a major fundraising and produce drive this week. Too many families/individuals have seen incomes reduced to the point where they now rely on these services to feed themselves. **THIS SUNDAY** – please give produce and/or a donation to DENS. We are also encouraged to wear something **YELLOW**. Thank you in advance for supporting this. A high-needs list is at the back of St John's and on our Website.

MASJ CONCERTS: GREAT NEWS! The Summer Series is upon us and can be experienced via the MASJ Website www.masj.org.uk Concerts will go live at 12.30pm each Friday and can be viewed at any time after that.

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 £50 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: Our Director of Music recently became a grandfather for the first time. His daughter and grandson, Lucas, are both doing well. We send our best wishes.

AUGUST SOCIAL EVENT: We are mulling over an idea for a socially distanced Cocktail/drinks Evening in the grounds of St John's during August. Please would you express your level of interest to the Vicar via email. If enough people are keen we'll find a convenient date.

BEST WISHES: Following her successful knee operation on Thursday we send Jean Garner our love and best wishes as she begins to recover.

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