

# 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 2 AUGUST:

### EIGHTH 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*

*No Morning Prayer this week*

Monday-Friday

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

St John's

**Transfiguration of our Lord**

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

Friday

11.00am Burial of Ashes – Vera Knight

St John's

### SUNDAY 9 AUGUST:

### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist

St John's

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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

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, 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:**

Dennis Mitchell

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

**Years mind 2-8 August:** Andrew Findlay (6.8.19).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** St George's Church, Chaulden (United Reformed)

<https://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk>

## 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 are strongly encouraged AND WILL BE MANDATORY FROM NEXT SUNDAY.**
  - 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 different 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](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 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.

**ZOOM COFFEE MORNINGS AND HAPPY HOUR EVENINGS:** Thanks for your feedback. These will continue throughout the summer for those who wish to continue to meet this way. A great way to have a natter and see people without leaving the house.

**AUGUST SOCIAL EVENT: Thursday 13 August, 7.30-9.30pm.** Join us for a get-together and natter in the grounds of St John's. All the usual precautions will be taken. BYOB and glass. If raining we'll re-arrange. No booking needed but we will take your name for *Track & Trace* should it be necessary.

**MASJ CONCERTS:** The Summer Series is going very well 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. Suggested donation £3.

**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. Nearly £70 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 to see the lists again or want any of the books or call me on 01442 242543 to arrange collection/delivery. Many thanks, Alan Munford.

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