

NEWSLETTER

PUBLIC WORSHIP OFFERED AT ST JOHN'S

SERVICES WILL BE SUBJECT TO RULES AND GUIDANCE ISSUED

BY THE NATIONAL CHURCH & GOVERNMENT – SEE REVERSE FOR LATEST INFO.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS SAFE

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

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST:

TENTH 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.*

6.30pm Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Virgin Mary St Francis'

*First public service at St Francis', conducted under new
guidelines and streamed from 12noon, Monday,
on our website for those unable to join physically.*

Monday-Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer *No Evening Prayer throughout August* St John's

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

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

Thursday

7.30pm Drinks Social Event St John's

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST:

ELEVENTH 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

all who were caught up in the explosion in Lebanon recently

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Derek Cordery, John Hutton, Jean, John & Debby, 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, Michele Finch, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Jean Hammond, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, 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:

Linda Gair

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 16-22 August: Joyce Graham (19.8.18), Bob Croxford (w/c 19.8.18), David Frith (20.8.17), Joseph Rimmer (20.8.16).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Liberty Christian Centre – Grovehill (Assemblies of God)

PARISH NOTICES

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

- Public Worship is offered in this Parish in accordance with the National Guidelines:
 - Washing of hands/use of hand sanitiser is required on entry and exit.
 - Social Distancing of 2m to be maintained where possible, 1m+ where not.
 - **FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW REQUIRED, BY LAW, TO BE WORN FOR ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP.** We have a supply at church should you forget to bring yours. Ministers will wear masks when in close proximity to you but are not required to wear one when leading the service.
 - **Due to the hot weather our Services will be shorter. We know it is not pleasant wearing a face covering for over an hour, especially in these conditions, so we will be omitting parts of the service. These will be advised on the day and evident from the Hymn and Reading Sheet.**
 - Households/bubbles may sit together, otherwise distancing to be observed. Labelled seating to help.
 - **Up to 65 people may 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.
 - Singing is still prohibited but we will continue to have recorded music to listen to/meditate upon.
 - 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 limit unnecessary touching of surfaces.
 - Orders of Service and other worship resources will be available for use and are to be taken home.
 - We are still not back to normal but developing a 'new' normal. Things look and feel slightly different but we will get used to it. To date over 100 people have returned to public worship.
 - 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.
- 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 Stephen's or regular Public Worship at St Francis' 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 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.

MASS & BENEDICTION: Tonight, 6.30pm, St Francis, Hammerfield. In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose feast day was on Saturday. All are welcome for this first public service at St Francis. All precautions will be in place.

RE-ARRANGED AUGUST SOCIAL EVENT: Thursday 20 August, 7.30-9.30pm. The weather washed-out last week's planned social. 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. No booking needed but we will take your name for *Track & Trace* should it be necessary.

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. However, **NO Happy Hour this week** as it will be replaced by the Physical Social Evening.

CONDOLENCES: It is with deep sadness we share the news that Linda Gair died suddenly on Wednesday. Our prayers and heartfelt condolences for her husband, Robert. May she now enjoy the peace for which she longed.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB DRAW: Congratulations to the July winners: Sheila James 1st £15, Marion Roff 2nd £8, Lorraine Ioannou 3rd £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.

CONGRATULATIONS: Yesterday, Saturday 15 August, The Reverend James Reveley (our former Vicar) was installed as a Residentiary Canon of Ely Cathedral during a Service of Evening Prayer. We wish him well and pray that his ministry there be fruitful and blessed. He will give his first Sermon there later today.