

NEWSLETTER

PUBLIC WORSHIP OFFERED AT ST JOHN'S

SERVICES SUBJECT TO CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS – 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 23 AUGUST:

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

*precautions in place and streamed from 6.00pm
on our website for those unable to join physically*

Monday-Friday

No public offering of Morning or Evening Prayer until 7 September

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

No Zoom Coffee Morning this week

Thursday

No Zoom Happy Hour this week

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST:

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

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on our website for those unable to join physically*

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

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

Thursday

12.30pm Funeral – Linda Gair St John's

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

Saturday

9.30am Burial of Ashes: Joyce Baxter St John's

12noon Holy Baptism St John's

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER:

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

*precautions in place and streamed from 6.00pm
on our website for those unable to join physically*

10.00am Sung Mass St Francis'

12noon Holy Baptism St John's

3.00pm Children's Praise & Picnic St John's

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

OUR 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 as they return, shops, and other services

for all who are anxious or struggling financially

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, 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:

Patricia Parsons funeral: 27 August, 10.20am, West Herts Crem
Gilbert Burnham funeral: 3 September, 10.00am, West Herts Crem
Linda Gair funeral: 3 September, 12.30pm, St John's

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 23 August – 5 September: Den Hudson (26.8.18), Raymond Gillard (27.8.19), John Buckingham (28.8.15), Albert White (29.8.15), David Stevens (3.9.19), Baby Evie Mae Price (3.9.15),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St Francis, Hammerfield, & Discovery (*Bibles for Children*) – a charity bringing Christian witness in Hemel Hempstead's Primary Schools, led by Andrew Masters.

PARISH NOTICES

CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE: 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. Sit where directed by the stewards and follow the one-way route.
- **FACE COVERINGS ARE 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.
- **Services are 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.
- **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.
- Orders of Service and other worship resources will be available for use and are to be taken home.
- 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
- **Holy Communion continues to be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10.00am at St John's.** This will usually be followed by the Zoom Coffee Morning at 11.00am.

ZOOM COFFEE MORNINGS AND HAPPY HOUR EVENINGS: There will be **NO ZOOM MEETINGS THIS WEEK**. Coffee Morning returns on Wednesday 2 September and Happy Hour on Thursday 3 September.

CHILDREN'S PRAISE & PICNIC: Sunday 6 September, 3.00pm, St John's Church: A short Act of Worship for all the family followed by a BYO picnic in the grounds of St John's (weather permitting). Children bring your School Bags for Blessing. All necessary Covid Secure measures will be in place. All welcome.

LINDA GAIR RIP: Linda's funeral will take place on **Thursday 3 September, 12.30pm** at St John's. Attendance inside church is limited to 30 invited family and friends. However, all are welcome to come and pay their respects outside (socially distanced) where the service will be relayed by loud speaker.

CONGRATULATIONS: to our young people and their teachers on their exam results. We wish you well as you embark on the next phase in your young journey of life and make your contribution to society.

PARISH MAGAZINE DELIVERY: We have an urgent need for more people to deliver the Parish Magazines around the Parish or for existing deliverers to take on a few more. This once a month job means dropping off up to 10 or 12 magazines within part of the Parish and once a year collecting the annual subscriptions. Any questions please, or volunteers contact Alan Munford on 01442 242543. Many thanks.

SOCIAL DRINKS EVENT – take 2: Last Thursday the weather was kinder than the previous week and approx. 30 people came together (socially distanced) for a drink and natter in St John's churchyard. Great to see people mixing, socialising, and catching-up with one another. Thank you to all who came to either or both drinks evenings. Plans are formulating for the next event – watch this space!

SINGING IN CHURCH: The Government has announced that as of last weekend (14 August) Choirs may sing again although the prohibition on congregational singing remains. Plans are in place for our Choir to sing for the first time in public worship on Sunday 13 September during Choral Evensong at 6.30pm. Put the date in the diary as it promises to be a moving service.

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