

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

ALL CHURCH CLUBS & GROUPS REMAIN SUSPENDED

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER:

THIRTEENTH 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 Mass – 1st Sunday back 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

Monday-Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer St John's

5.00pm Evening Prayer (Wednesday at St Francis') St John's

Tuesday

8.00pm GSS Office and Benediction St Francis'

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

11.00am Zoom Coffee Morning – request link from Vicar

Thursday

8.15pm Zoom Happy Hour – request link from Vicar

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER:

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

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10.00am Mass St Francis'

11.30am Holy Communion – 1st Sunday back St Stephen's

6.30pm Choral Evensong – the Choir returns! 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, Baby Rhoden, 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:

John Smith, Gilbert Burnham, Linda Gair.

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 6-12 September: Betty Cates (7.9.17), Brenda Woodrow (7.9.16), Marjorie Dickinson (7.9.15), Anthony Holmes-Walker (8.9.16), Doris Fisher (9.9.18).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: New Church Hemel - Gadebridge

PARISH NOTICES

CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE: Public Worship is offered in this Parish in accordance with the National Guidelines:

- **PLEASE STAY VIGILANT AS LOCAL CASE NUMBERS SLOWLY INCREASE.**
- **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.
- Congregational 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.

CHILDREN'S PRAISE & PICNIC: THIS SUNDAY, 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.

ST FRANCIS' & ST STEPHEN'S: St Francis will hold its first public Sunday Service this Sunday at 10.00am. St Stephen's returns NEXT SUNDAY at the revised time of 11.30am for its first service since March. All necessary Covid-Secure precautions are in place.

ZOOM COFFEE MORNINGS AND HAPPY HOUR EVENINGS: Following a short summer break these are resuming – see the week's events for timings. All welcome to join.

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG: NEXT SUNDAY, 6.30pm. Our first live choral service since March. Come and immerse yourself in the music and simplicity of Evensong as we meditate upon Christ's saving act upon the Cross.

GSS OFFICE AND BENEDICTION: Tuesday 8 September, 8pm, St Francis'. On the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary will hold their meeting in the context of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Jo Rhoden (member of our choir) on the arrival of her baby boy who arrived a little prematurely but growing every day. We look forward to meeting the little fella.

WORKS AT ST JOHN'S: You may have noticed that works continue in the grounds of St John's. The entrance gates have been stripped-back and repainted, the north side bushes have been removed to make way for a new flowerbed, the ivy has been removed from the boundary wall and repairs to the wall are in progress following storm damage. Thanks to those who continue to make our grounds so inviting.

THANK YOU... for your prayers whilst I recovered from my operation. I'm much better. Jean Hammond

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