

NEWSLETTER

ALL OUR CHURCHES OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

SERVICES SUBJECT TO CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS – SEE REVERSE FOR LATEST INFO.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS SAFE

CHURCH CLUBS & GROUPS REMAIN SUSPENDED

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER:

FOURTEENTH 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 *St Francis'*

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

6.30pm Choral Evensong - the Choir returns! *St John's*

Monday-Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer *St John's*

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

Holy Cross Day

7.30pm Holy Communion *St John's*

Tuesday

8.00pm PCC meeting – conducted by the Standing Committee on Zoom

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) *St John's*

11.00am Zoom Coffee Morning – request link from Vicar

Thursday

2.00pm Burial of Ashes – Bill Lee *St John's*

8.15pm Zoom Happy Hour – request link from Vicar

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER:

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) *St John's*

9.15am Burial of Ashes – Rose & Dennis Woodward *St John's*

10.00am Parish Eucharist *St John's*

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on our website for those unable to join physically*

10.00am Mass *St Francis'*

11.30am Morning Worship *St Stephen's*

12noon Holy Baptism (TBC) *St Francis'*

6.30pm Evening Prayer *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 13-19 September: Jean Bruvelis (18.9.17), Joyce Rogers (19.9.15).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St Benedict's Church, Bennetts End.

PARISH NOTICES

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

- **PLACES OF WORSHIP ARE NOT COUNTED AS 'SOCIAL GATHERINGS' – SERVICES AS 'NORMAL'.**
- **PLEASE STAY VIGILANT AS LOCAL CASE NUMBERS FLUCTUATE.**
- **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** Services at St John's, 25 at St Francis, and 20 at St Stephen's. There is plenty of opportunity to join us in Worship – Worshippers will be asked for contact details on arrival for test and trace, should this be necessary.
- Congregational Singing is still prohibited in all churches. Music is provided via recordings
- Communion is administered in one kind (sharing of the Common Cup still suspended). Please follow the directions of the Sidespeople or remain in your seat (depending on the service)
- Orders of Service and other worship resources will be available for use and are to be taken home. PLEASE BEING THEM WITH YOU NEXT TIME YOU COME.
- 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.

RETIREMENT FROM LICENCED MINISTRY: It was announced last Sunday that after 10 years ordained Priest, and nearly 2 years with us, The Reverend Canon Dr Ruth Goatly has decided to retire from licenced parochial ministry. Ruth's final service here will be on Sunday 1 November at St John's. It has been a huge blessing sharing Ruth's ministry in this Parish especially her preaching and teaching, friendship, and wisdom. She will be sorely missed. More details to follow.

ST STEPHEN'S: St Stephen's will hold its first public Sunday service this Sunday at the revised time of **11.30am**. All necessary Covid-Secure precautions are in place.

CHORAL EVENSONG: THIS 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.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will be closed until Thursday 24 September.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: The APCM will be held on 11 October 2020 in St John's Church. There are 5 vacancies for the PCC and 3 vacancies for the Deanery Synod. Nomination forms will be available from next week either in church or directly from the PCC secretary – email pccsecretary@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk. Any outstanding reports must be received by Thursday 17 September for inclusion in the publications. Please email reports to pccsecretary@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the August Music Percentage Club draw: 1st Carole Lewis £15; 2nd Job Rombout £8; 3rd Jennie Whitefield £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.

BIKE 'N' HIKE: Andy Fisher and Mark Harbour took part in this annual event on 12 September. Due to current restrictions, there are no sponsorship forms this year. If you would like to contribute please speak to Andy or Mark, or contribute through a labelled envelope in the Offerings.

ZOOM COFFEE MORNINGS AND HAPPY HOUR EVENINGS: No Happy Hour this week – Coffee Morning continues as normal, 11.00am Wednesday morning.

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.

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