

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 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
	<i>precautions in place and will be streamed this week from 6.00pm, Monday, on our website for those unable to join physically</i>	
10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
12noon	Holy Baptism	St Francis'
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St John's

Monday-Friday

9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's
5.00pm	Evening Prayer (Wednesday at St Francis')	St John's

Monday

St Matthew, Apostle

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	
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SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER:

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS tr (Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	<i>precautions in place and streamed from 6.00pm on our website for those unable to join physically</i>	
10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
6.30pm	Evensong and Benediction	St Francis'

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, Lillian Baldock, 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 and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 20-26 September: Arthur Read (20.9.18), Janna Fuell (21.9.18), Diane Foster (23.9.15), Robert Nisbet (24.9.19), Betty McDonald (24.9.15),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Our hospitals: Hemel Hempstead, St Albans and Watford.

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.

ON-LINE SERVICE: This will be streamed on Monday this week due to Keith having the Sunday off. We welcome Nicholas King to the organ bench this week in his stead.

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@stjohnsboxmor.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.

BIKE N HIKE: Andy Fisher and Mike Harbour took part in this annual event on 12 September cycling 25 miles, visiting 19 churches. Due to current restrictions, there are no sponsorship forms this year. If you would like to contribute please speak to Andy or Mark.

ORDINATION AS DEACON: Please pray for Vanessa Hadley-Spencer who will be ordained Deacon next Saturday at St Albans Abbey. Attendance is via ticket only. May the Lord Bless her in this ministry.

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Sunday 4 October, 10.00am, All Age Eucharist, at which the Bishop of Hertford will preside and preach, and a monetary collection for **the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal: Creating a Buzz in Nepal**. There will also be a **collection of high-needs items for our Local Food Bank, DENS**.

HARVEST QUIZ EVENING: Saturday 3 October, 8.00pm. Since we are not able to meet socially in groups of more than 6 it has been decided to try and conduct a virtual quiz. To join this quiz you will need two internet enabled devices – one for Zoom and another for Kahoot. The Zoom platform will enable us to interact and for you to see the questions, the Kahoot app will enable you to answer the quiz electronically and play against the other teams. We are limiting the Quiz to 20 teams of up to 4 players in each team. Entry will be £5 per player. Please contact the Vicar to sign-up your team and for joining instructions.

CONGRATULATIONS:...to Bob and Jean Hammond who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary last week.