

# 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 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*

*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**

*St Stephen's*

**12noon Holy Baptism**

*St John's*

**6.30pm Evensong and Benediction**

*St Francis'*

*Monday-Friday*

**9.00am Morning Prayer**

*St John's*

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

*St John's*

*Monday*

**7.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)**

*St John's*

**8.00pm Communications Meeting**

*Zoom*

*Tuesday*

**8.00pm Finance Meeting (postponed)**

*Wednesday*

**10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

*St John's*

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

*Zoom*

**8.00pm Fundraising Committee**

*Zoom*

*Thursday*

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

*Zoom*

*Saturday*

**8.00pm Virtual Harvest Quiz**

*Zoom*

### SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER:

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

*St John's*

**10.00am Parish Harvest Eucharist with the Bishop of Hertford**

*St John's*

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

**11.30am Morning Worship**

*St Stephen's*

**6.30pm St Francis' Patronal Festival, High Mass & Benediction**

*St Francis'*

*Guest Preacher: Fr Benjamin Weitzmann*

### 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, 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, John & Debby, 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.**

Simon Woodmore (Priest), Lillian Baldock, Peter Plested

**Years mind 27 September-3 October:** Colin Barnard (27.9.17), Dorothy Corrigan (28.9.18).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** St Mark's RC Church – meeting at JFK School, Warners 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](http://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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pccsecretary@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) .

**PARISH MAGAZINE DELIVERY:** Thank you to those people who have volunteered to take on the delivery of a few extra magazines each month, and to those new volunteers. I now have enough people to carry on for the foreseeable future. The October issue of the Parish Magazine is now available. Alan Munford.

**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**.

**ST FRANCIS PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Sunday 4 October, 6.30pm, Sung High Mass with Benediction** in celebration of the Patronal Festival of St Francis, Hammerfield. All are welcome to join in giving thanks to God for the life and ministry of St Francis of Assisi, and for the witness of the Church in that part of the Parish. Our guest preacher is no stranger to this parish: Fr Benjamin Weitzmann, former Curate and now Vicar in Portsea. There will be no morning service at St Francis next Sunday.

**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.