

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 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 12noon, Monday, 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'

Monday-Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer St John's

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

Monday

8.00pm PCC Standing Committee Zoom

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

11.00am Zoom Coffee Morning – request link from Vicar Zoom

Thursday

11.00am Funeral – Peter Plested St John's

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER:

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

No services at St Francis' or St Stephen's today

10.00am Combined Parish Eucharist followed by APCM St John's
precautions in place and streamed from 12noon, Monday, on our website for those unable to join physically

6.30pm Choral Evensong St John's
precautions in place and streamed from 6.00pm, Monday, on our website for those unable to join physically

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

all who were baptised during September:

James Lynam, Zachary Lazard, Ola Kuba, Stanistaw Duczmal, Edward Stray;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Derek Cordery, John Hutton, Jean, Beryl King, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pat Moran, 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 4-10 October: Susan Dunnett (5.10.16), Arthur Lewis (6.10.16), Diane Proctor (8.10.19), Frederick Brown (9.10.17), Noman Stanley (10.10.19), Susan Coss (10.10.17),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – Christian volunteers supporting and advising families about debt and related issues.

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 so we will be omitting parts of the service. These will be advised on the day and evident from the Hymn and Reading Sheet/Order of Service.
- **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** from **12noon on Mondays**. Since the re-start of more services, and the time pressures this places on our team, we are unable to guarantee publishing the video on Sundays. We are, regrettably, now publishing at 12noon on Mondays (unless stated otherwise). 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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Today, 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: This evening, 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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: The APCM will be held on 11 October 2020 in St John's Church immediately after a Combined Parish Eucharist. There are 5 vacancies for the PCC and 3 vacancies for the Deanery Synod. Nomination forms are available in all our churches or directly from the PCC secretary – email pccsecretary@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk. Please consider how you might be able to serve the life of the Church in this Parish. Sadly, we are not able to stream this 'live' so cannot include people who are unable to be there in person. You are very much valued, and this is your Church, but we simply don't have the technology to manage this.

THANK YOU... to everyone who has decorated our churches in Thanksgiving for Harvest. The Wheatsheaf and flowers at the harvest festival are sponsored by David Doyle, Estate Agents who are very good friends of St John's Church. We thank them very much.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY: The pedestal at the Altar steps is sponsored by Carol Lewis in Loving memory of her late husband John R.W. Lewis

CHURCH FLOWERS: I am very pleased to say that we can now have flowers back in church. If you enjoy seeing them we, the flower arrangers are happy and feel it is our way of thanking God for all the wonderful things he gives us. If you could make a donation to the flower fund, we and the church would be very grateful as there is no funding from the church accounts. Please speak to me, Jean Frith or Chris Angell. Sue Brown.

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.