

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 25 OCTOBER:

LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Note: British Summer Time comes to an end - Clocks go back one hour to GMT

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

*precautions in place and streamed from **12noon, Monday,**
on our website for those unable to join physically*

10.00am Mass St Francis'

11.30am Holy Communion St Stephen's

No Evening Service this week

Monday-Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer St John's

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

Wednesday

St Simon and St Jude

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

11.00am Zoom Coffee Morning – request link from Vicar Zoom

Thursday

12.30pm Funeral: Valerie Smith St John's

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER:

ALL SAINTS' DAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist with farewell to Revd Canon Dr Ruth Goatly St John's

*precautions in place and streamed from **12noon, Monday,**
on our website for those unable to join physically*

10.00am Mass St Francis'

11.30am Morning Worship St Stephen's

4.00pm Annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance St John's

Entry via free ticket: www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-zmqpog

6.30pm Holy Communion BCP 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, shops, and other services

for all who are anxious or struggling financially

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Sheila Charge, 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, John Bery, Trevor Boyce, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Michele Finch, Derek Frost, Gerda, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, John & Debby, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Ian, 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.

Valerie Smith funeral: 29 October, 12.30pm at St John's

Brenda Reedman funeral: 4 November, 2.00pm at West Herts Crematorium

Years mind 25—31 October: Gary Fulks (26.10.16), Sidney Parkin (28.10.15), Norry Deaney (29.10.19), David Hardware (29.10.18).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: New Life Pentecostal Church (Assemblies of God)

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.
- **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 BRING 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.

RUTH GOATLY: As you will be aware the Reverend Ruth Goatly will be leaving the Parish on 1 November. We would like to make a presentation to her to thank her for her contribution to the life of our Parish. Please give any donations to the Churchwardens, Marian Davies or Job Rombout, or to Lorraine Ioannou or the vicar.

FLOWERS: The flowers this week are sponsored by Marion Roff in celebration of her birthday.

CONGRATULATIONS... to Fr Benjamin Weitzmann and Miss Liz Griffiths who announced their engagement this week. I’m sure we all wish them well as they prepare to wed.

DENS SLEEPOUT: Sadly, DENS cannot come together at a ‘live’ Sleepout event this November and they need your help to ensure the event can still go ahead, albeit in a different format. So for this year, they are urging you to take part in YOUR SLEEPOUT; swapping your cosy bed for a sleeping bag. Whether you sleep in YOUR garden, YOUR office or camp out in YOUR living room, YOUR SLEEPOUT is a great way to catch up with friends, family and colleagues whilst experiencing first-hand the issues that homeless people face. Join us for an action packed evening for everybody with online music and activities that highlight the issues of those facing homelessness, poverty and crisis. Registration is just £5 and is open to everybody. Sign up today at www.dens.org.uk/sleepout

ALL SOULS’ & MEMORIAL SERVICE: We shall be remembering in our prayers those whom we love but are parted from by death at these specific services:

Sun 1 November, 4pm, St John’s – Annual Memorial Service – *Admission by free ticket available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-zmqpog This Service will be sung by the Choir.*

Mon 2 November, 8pm, St Francis –Requiem Mass

Wed 4 November, 10.00am, St John’s – Holy Communion with remembrance

If you would like your departed loved ones to be remembered by name, please write their names on the list at the back of our churches. Candles will be lit (in a socially distanced manner) for those remembered by name. All are welcome to these services. Lists will be removed for collation, Wednesday 28 October.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Regrettably, due to Covid restrictions, the RBL and Dacorum Borough Council have taken the difficult decision not to hold the Annual Parade at the Civic War Memorial. We will, however, be observing an Act of Remembrance at each of our churches. At St John’s and St Francis’ we will have our Eucharist at 10.00am leading into the Remembrance at 11.00am, at St Stephen’s the service will start with the observance at 11.30am. All are welcome. The RBL are suggesting other ways of marking this observance, as given in this Press release: <http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/all-news/2020/10/13/join-us-for-virtual-remembrance-event>)