

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 16 MAY:

SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	<i>Welcome to Canon Martin Bannister who will preside and preach today</i>	
10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	<i>No Evening Service</i>	
<i>Daily</i>	<i>9.30-5.00 Church open for Private Prayer</i>	
	<i>The Vicar will say Morning and Evening Prayer privately</i>	

The Parish Office will be closed this week

Monday	2.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving and Burial of Ashes – Phyllis Simons	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting – in person	St John's
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	11.00am	Zoom Coffee Morning	Zoom
	11.30am	Burial of Ashes – Doris Owen	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	1.00pm	Funeral – John Paton	St John's
	4.30pm	Burial of Ashes	St John's
	8.15pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St John's
Friday		MASJ Virtual Concert: Organ Recital – Ken Martlew	MASJ webiste
Saturday	2.00pm	Wedding – Ben Beasley & Georgina Hardy	St John's

SUNDAY 23 MAY:

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	<i>No Evening Service</i>	

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

our Community as restrictions are relaxed:

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
our vaccination centres and all who volunteer	for all who mourn loved ones

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Robert Dow, Beryl King, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Kelvin Porter, Daphne Pullen, Stanley Rose;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Bery, Trevor Boyce, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Gill Dow, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Michele Finch, Derek Frost, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Ian, Catherine Keppel, Chloë Lear, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, Marion Roff, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Christine Wilson, John 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.

John Paton funeral: 20 May at 1.00pm at St John's

those whose Years mind is this week: 16-22 May: Stanley Robinson (19.5.16), Stephen Price (20.5.19), William Lee (22.5.20),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Trustees of Churches Together

PARISH NOTICES

COVID UPDATE: FROM 17 MAY 2021

- Various restrictions are easing in accordance with the Government's *Roadmap*:
 - Up to 30 adults can attend weddings and baptisms
 - No limit on numbers of mourners except must be able to Social Distance – up to 100 people here
 - Up to 30 adults can attend children's groups e.g. Tiny Tots
 - 2 households/rule of 6 can meet indoors and overnight stays permitted
 - Indoor hospitality allowed including concerts, pubs, and restaurants
 - International Travel allowed to selected destinations
- Within Church:
 - Social Distancing to be maintained
 - Track & Trace will be in operation
 - Communion will be in one kind (Bread) – please be directed by the sidespeople.
 - The Eucharist will be celebrated and broadcast from St John's each week and can be joined from 8.00am each Sunday. Worship resources remain available for each Sunday on our Website www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources
 - Please keep phoning/writing to each other and helping where there is need.
 - Face Coverings to be worn
 - Congregational Singing still approved

THY KINGDOM COME: We are once again encouraged to pray for God's Kingdom to grow and for the values of his Kingdom to become the values by which we live our common lives. Between Ascension Day and Pentecost (13-23 May) please pray each day for: 5 people to come to faith in Jesus; Our political leaders - that they be guided by the values of Christ – compassion, kindness, forgiveness, justice, mercy, humility; Our Church community – that we may grow-back faithfully, socially, and stronger as we emerge from lockdown.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: Music at St John's has launched its second series of recorded concerts which you can access via www.masj.org.uk/events Recitalists this term include Linden Innes-Hopkins, Anna Le Hair, Ken Martlew, and our own Director of Music: Keith Beniston – not to be missed!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: The Pandemic has made the PCC re-evaluate our financial position. In the coming weeks information will be provided on the state of our parish finances, ways in which we can give to God, and a theological grounding to our financial offering.

ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD 2021-2024 ELECTIONS: A new Diocesan Synod has to be elected this year and will take office on 1 August 2021. Our Deanery is required to elect 3 members to the House of Laity, and any lay person who is an actual communicant of 16 years or upwards and whose name is entered on the electoral roll of any parish in the Deanery is eligible. If you are interested or would like more information, please speak to the Vicar, Job Rombout, or Graham Gibbs. Nominations are required by 1 June.

CHURCH FLOWERS: Following Sue Brown's well-earned retirement from organising the Church Flower rota, I have taken over the reins from her. If anyone wishes to sponsor a flower arrangement I would be very glad to hear from you. I can be contacted on 01442 249629 or 07907490124. Thank you in anticipation of your support, Julie Boyce

FLOWERS: The Altar flowers at St John's this week have been sponsored and arranged by Janet and Ian Packe for 'Family Birthdays past and present'.

TINY TOTS: Tiny Tots has resumed – please spread the word! 9.30–11.00am every Tuesday until the summer holidays. Please bring your own refreshments as we can't offer them yet.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the April Music Percentage Club draw: 1st Sheila James: £15; 2nd Gill Williams: £8; 3rd Gina Harbour: £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.

VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING: Every Wednesday at 11.00am on Zoom. All are welcome. For login details please contact the vicar.

GET ONE – GIVE ONE: As the vaccination roll-out continues with speed in this country have you considered, in thankfulness for your job, giving someone else in another country the chance to receive theirs by donating to COVAX or Christian Aid? <https://covaxamc.ctdonate.org/> or <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>

DO YOU OWN A VERTUO COFFEE MAKER? Rosie Shaw has a box of Vertuo Nespresso Coffee Pods delivered to her in error that the company do not want returned. The pods are best before end of November 2021 and are yours for free (or a donation to church funds). If anyone can use them please contact Rosie – rosie.shaw@outlook.com.

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