

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 23 MAY:

### THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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

Daily

9.30-5.00 *Church open for Private Prayer*  
*The Vicar will say Morning and Evening Prayer privately*

Tuesday

9.30am Tiny Tots *St John's Hall*

8.00pm Church Meeting: Communications Committee *Zoom*

Wednesday

**10.00am BCP Holy Communion** *St John's*

11.00am Zoom Coffee Morning *Zoom*

5.00pm Evening Prayer *St Francis'*

8.00pm Church Meeting: Finance Committee *Zoom*

Thursday

8.15pm Wedding Rehearsal *St John's*

Friday

MASJ Concert: David Gladstone & Keith Beniston *MASJ website*

Saturday

12.30pm Wedding – Chris Harley & Angelica Lecart *St John's*

## SUNDAY 30 MAY:

### THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY

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

**those who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Derek Cordery, 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, Samuel & 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

**those whose Years mind is this week: 23-29 May:** Vincent Hazell (23.5.19), Henry Smith (23.5.17), Michael Gower (24.5.18),

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** All Churches in Hemel to be filled with the Holy Spirit

**Parish Office:** The office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm.

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## 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, eg 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](http://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 NOT approved

**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. Leaflets are available at the back of all our churches. Please contact Chris Angell for more information on 01442 244158 or [pcctreasurer@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:pcctreasurer@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

**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](http://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!

### **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 *your clergy or Deanery representative*. 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

**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.

**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](mailto:rosie.shaw@outlook.com)

**FOR THE GARDEN:** Tomato plants available and ready for planting now, in 4 varieties - Ailsa Craig, Alicante, Sungold and Red Alert (bush type). Suggested donation of 50p+, to St John's. Contact Ian Williams, on 01442 256216.

**WANTED:** Pretty pages in Diaries etc! The wedding season is upon us and requests for confetti cones are beginning to start. Do you have any pretty pages in diaries or calendars or books/magazines that I could use to make paper cones from? Please Contact Dee Fisher if you have anything- thank you 01442 266311