

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	2.00pm	Wedding – Niall Woods and Jessica Elms <i>No Evening Service</i>	St John's
Daily	9.00-5.00	Church open for Private Prayer	
	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>The Vicar will say Evening Prayer privately</i>	St John's
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis
Friday		The Transfiguration of our Lord	
Saturday	3.30pm	Wedding – Stephen Avis and Tara Carn	St John's

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	2.00pm	Deanery Pilgrimage to St Albans <i>No Evening Service</i>	

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:

our hospitals and all health professionals	for our community as we "open up"
our schools, shops, and other services	for all who are anxious or struggling financially
our vaccination centres and all who volunteer	for all who sick with Covid or mourn loved ones

those getting married this week: Stephen Avis and Tara Carn

those being Baptised this week: Stanley Miller;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Jean Dawkins, Pam French, Beryl King, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Kelvin Porter, Stanley Rose;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Bery, Trevor Boyce, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Gill Dow, Michele Finch, Derek Frost, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, 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, 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.

Rev'd Ivor Dowse, John Shaw;

those whose Years mind is this week: 1-7 August:

David Mitchell (1.8.18), Patricia Parsons (3.8.20), Andrew Findlay (6.8.19), Daniel Quashie (6.8.19), Dorothy Rimmer (6.8.19);

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St George's Church – Chaulden area (United Reformed Church)

PARISH NOTICES

COVID NOTICES: From Monday 19 July

Following the Government's easing of lockdown restrictions last week, this Parish will operate the following measures in order to help maintain confidence in churches being safe places to come to:

- Within Church:
 - Social Distancing to be maintained – although not legally required the PCC believes this should continue. One pew (over a metre) to be remain empty between different (bubbles)
 - Face Coverings are no longer legally required but are still encouraged particularly when walking around. Your ministers will still wear a face covering when distributing Communion.
 - Congregational Singing is once again permitted indoors.
 - Use of hand sanitiser stations is still encouraged.
 - Track & Trace to remain in place – we recommend signing-in rather than using the App.
 - Communion will continue to be given in one kind (Bread) – please be directed by the sidespeople.
 - Ventilation in our churches is good – and doors and windows will remain open.
 - The Eucharist will continue to be celebrated and broadcast from St John's each week (barring holidays) 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
 - Attendance at baptisms, weddings, and funerals limited to 100 people at St John's due to Social Distancing
 - Up to 30 adults can attend children's groups, eg Tiny Tots
 - Please keep phoning/writing to each other and helping where there is need.

The PCC is aware that members of the congregation may feel uneasy about the lifting of restrictions. We hope we are continuing to keep you safe, in line with the guidance, and that you will continue to worship with us in person.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO ST ALBANS: Sunday 8 August – Meet at Holy Trinity Leverstock Green from 2.00pm for a 2.30pm departure to walk to St Albans for a tour of the Abbey at 4.30pm, prayers at the Shrine at 5.30pm followed by Evensong at 6.00pm then walk back via a local hostelry. Non-walkers can meet at the west end of the Abbey at 4.30pm and people are welcome to arrange lifts if they do not want to walk back. See the posters at each Church for more details.

TINY TOTS PICNIC: The Tiny Tots Summer Picnic is on **Tuesday 10 August**, 10.30am-12.30pm. All members of the family welcome. Tiny Tots will resume on Tuesday 7 September when schools return.

GOLF DAY: Do you play golf? Fancy getting a four-ball together and playing Little Hay Golf Course for a Golf Day to raise funds for the Church? **Sunday 5 September**, first Tee 12.00noon. BBQ, competitions, fun. Open to all the family and for non-golfers to enjoy the atmosphere. See posters in church for more details.

BUBBLE WRAP: If anyone could use any bubble wrap there is some surplus to requirements in the office. Please help yourself or contact Hilary.

VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING: Thank you to all who joined our virtual social gatherings during the various lockdowns – they did their job keeping us connected but now it is time to return to socialising together. On Wednesday we offered refreshments (in person at Church) for the first time in 16 months! Everyone felt safe and enjoyed a natter Hope you will be able to join next time. Sadly we are not able to offer them on a Sunday at St John's yet, but we're aiming for 1 August.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: The Pandemic has made the PCC re-evaluate our financial position as you may have heard in a sermon in recent weeks. Please continue to pray about your level of giving to the work of the Church and then commit to seeing that happen. Information is available at the back of all our churches on the state of our parish finances, ways in which we can give to God, and a theological grounding to our financial offering. Please contact Chris Angell for more information on 01442 244158 or pcctreasurer@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk Thank you to those who have already recommitted to giving in a regular and sustainable manner.

MAGAZINE DIARY CORRECTION: Please note that the MASJ bursary awardees concert advertised in the magazine for Saturday 28 August will not be happening.

ST JOHN'S LUNCH: St John's Lunches will be returning on **Sunday 12 September**. There will be a list at the back of St John's for signing up.

PARISH OFFICE: The office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm. The office will be closed for most of August. Hilary will be in the office on Tuesday 10 and Thursday 19 August.

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