

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist	St John's
		Online service available on our website for those unable to join in person: www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk	
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
		Golf Day – Competition and BBQ <u>POSTPONED!</u> <i>No Evening Service</i>	
Daily	9.00-5.00	Church open for Private Prayer	
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's
Monday	11.30am	Mountbatten Lodge Communion Service	Mountbatten Lodge
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play followed by Service	St John's Hall
Wednesday		The Blessed Virgin Mary	
	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	5.30pm	Junior Choir Practice	St John's Hall
	5.30pm	Junior Church	Choir Vestry
	7.00pm	Full Choir Practice	St John's

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	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>	

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 who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Jean Dawkins, 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, Pam French, 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.

Gary, Caroline, & Katie Walker Memorial Service: 9 September

those whose Years mind is this week: 5-11 September:

Betty Cates (7.9.17), Brenda Woodrow (7.9.16), Anthony Holmes-Walker (8.9.16), Doris Fisher (9.9.18),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: New Church Hemel – Gadebridge area.

Parish Office: 01442 260299 office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk <https://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk>
The regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm.

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PARISH NOTICES

COVID NOTICES: Current measures in this Parish

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 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.

If you are contacted by us (or any other organisation) following a live case at one of our services you do not need to isolate for 10 days unless you yourself have been infected. Instead you are required to take regular lateral flow tests to check if you have the virus. Test can be ordered from: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

GOLF DAY: POSTPONED Sadly, it has been necessary to postpone this weekend's Golf Day until the Spring. Thank you to all who expressed an interest. This will happen next year.

ALL-AGE WORSHIP: Sunday 5 September, 10.00am - our All-Age Eucharist will return for the first time in over 18months. Please let families and friends know. During the service we will (hopefully) formally welcome many of those who have been baptised during the pandemic.

DIOCESE OF ST ALBANS – SUPPORTING AFGHAN REFUGEES: The immediate and most helpful gift is donations of money. Charities working with refugees in Hertfordshire include the following: Herts Welcomes Refugees, Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership, Three Rivers Refugee Partnership. Donations can be sent to them via their web pages.

TOGETHER ON MONDAYS: We are re-starting our meetings on Monday 6 September at 7.45pm with a social evening and short film show. It will be lovely to welcome our members back and anyone else who wishes to join us. We meet on the first and third Monday in the month at 7.45pm in the church hall. Any queries contact Di Tovey – 263669.

TINY TOTS: Tiny Tots returns from the summer holidays on Tuesday 7 September, 9.30-11.00, when schools return.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Calling all young singers to our Junior Choir. Rehearsals resume on 10 & 24 September, 5.30pm, in preparation for Harvest. Existing and new members of the choir most welcome. We have missed your angelic voices!

CARTERS STEAM FAIR: This will be on Blackbirds Moor for this and next weekend. Parking maybe more difficult than normal.

CHORAL EVENSONG: Sunday 19 September, 6.30pm, in celebration of Carole Lewis' 30 years of public lay ministry as a Lay Reader in the Church. Evensong will include music by Stanford and Brahms and will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

BIKE 'n HIKE: The Bike n Hike will take place on Saturday 11 September and Mark Harbour and Andy Fisher will be cycling - if you can support them by sponsoring them half the amount goes to St John's and half to the Historic Churches Trust. Many thanks!

Please, please sponsor folk in your church who are walking or cycling (or finding other ways of getting about) in aid of this year's Bike 'n Hike. It is the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust's major annual fund-raising effort for the money we need to provide grants for repairs and restoration to the churches of the two counties. Half the sponsorship money is given to the participant's home church, and the other half (plus the Gift Aid promised) to the Trust's main fund. So, please, if you can, sign up for the Gift Aid on your sponsorship donation as well. Last year, despite the pandemic, we managed to raise nearly £113,000 for the Trust, and with the support of other Trusts we awarded just over £160,000 to 23 churches in Beds & Herts. This averages around £7,500 to each church, a very small sum compared with the overall cost of many of the projects assisted – please will you help us to do even better on Saturday 11 September this year? Of course more volunteers to cycle or hike will be most welcome. Here's one way to shed a few pounds (weight as well as money) put on during the lockdown!

Malcolm Grant (Chairman of the Trustees)

ST JOHN'S LUNCH: St John's Lunches will be returning on Sunday 12 September. There is a list at the back of St John's for signing up. Please sign-up by this Wednesday to help with numbers for catering.

MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: Restart – LIVE! – Friday 17 September 2021. Look out for notices.