

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
		Online service available on our website for those unable to join in person: <a href="http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk">www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk</a>	
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	12noon	St John's Lunch	St John's
		No Evening Service	
Daily	9.00-5.00	Church open for Private Prayer	
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play followed by Service	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's

## SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	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
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's
		Marking Carole's 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Licensed Lay Ministry	

### 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: 12-18 September:**

Peter Plested (13.9.20), Jean Bruvelis (18.9.17),

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** St Benedict's Church – Bennetts End.

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The regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm.  
The office will be closed on Tuesday 14 and Tuesday 21 September.

Vicar: 01442 243258 [vicar@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

## 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>

**CARTERS STEAM FAIR:** will be on Blackbirds Moor this weekend. Parking maybe more difficult than normal.

**JUNIOR CHURCH RETURNS:** THIS SUNDAY. All children aged 3-11yrs are welcome to explore Jesus and his disciples during this special time within the Parish Eucharist. Could you help by being a chaperone for these sessions?

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers this week have been sponsored by Ian and Gill Williams to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary

**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.

**MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S LUNCHTIME CONCERTS:** Restart – LIVE! – THIS FRIDAY 17 September 2021 with Big Cats Jazz Group.

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

**TOGETHER ON MONDAYS:** *A Foolish Volunteer* is the title of a talk to be given by Denise Chenelle on Monday 20 September. All are welcome. Di Tovey: 263669.

**JUNIOR CHOIR:** Calling all young singers to our Junior Choir. Rehearsals resumed last week. Next rehearsal: 24 September, 5.30pm, in preparation for Harvest. Existing and new members of the choir most welcome. We have missed your angelic voices!

**NEW DEAN OF ST ALBANS ANNOUNCED:** It was announced on Monday that The Venerable Jo Kelly-Moore, Archdeacon of Canterbury, is to be the next Dean of St Albans, succeeding Jeffery John who vacated the post earlier this year. A date for her Installation has not yet been announced. Please pray for Jo, and the Cathedral community, as they prepare for Jo's arrival and ministry in St Albans.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to The Reverend Vanessa Hadley-Spencer who announced her engagement to Mark this week. They are to wed at her title Church of Christchurch, Waltham Cross on Saturday 23 October. Contributions towards a gift may be given to the churchwardens.

**KEY AMNESTY:** Do you have a key to the 'Organ Door' at St John's? We know there are a lot of keys in circulation but with the church being open every day the need for this key has diminished. If you have a key to the organ door please consider returning it so that it can be reassigned. Thank you.

**HARVEST QUIZ, FESTIVAL, AND BBQ:** Our celebrations of gathering the Harvest this year will include:

- A Quiz night on Saturday 2 October, 7.30pm, in the Hall. Please book interest via the Office. Tables of 8.
- Festival All-Age Parade Service, including our Junior Choir on Sunday 3 October, 10.00am, St John's.
- BBQ at 12noon for social time together.
- Financial contributions to Tearfund's *Water is Life* appeal and DENS (they have requested no produce this year!)

**BUBBLE WRAP:** There is more surplus bubble wrap in the office if anyone can use it.

**MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB:** Congratulations to the winners of the August draw: 1<sup>st</sup>, Sheila James, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marion Roff, £8; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jennie Whitefield, £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.