

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: SIXTEENTH 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: www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk	
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's
		<i>Marking Carole's 30th anniversary of Licensing to Lay Ministry</i>	
Daily	9.00-5.00	Church open for Private Prayer	
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's
Monday	11.00am	Burial of Ashes – Mary Willis	St John's
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club	St John's Hall
Tuesday		St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	
	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play followed by Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Communications Committee	Zoom
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
	5.30pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's

SUNDAY 26 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
		<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.

those whose Years mind is this week: 19-25 September:

Arthur Read (20.9.18), Janna Fuell (21.9.18), Peter Moore (24.9.16), Marian Latchford (25.9.16)

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Our hospitals – Hemel Hempstead, St Albans and Watford.

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.

The office will be closed on Tuesday 21 September.

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PARISH NOTICES

COVID NOTICES: Current measures in this Parish

Following the Government's easing of lockdown restrictions, 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>

JUNIOR CHURCH: 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?

CHORAL EVENSONG: 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar Flowers this week are sponsored by Carole Lewis in heartfelt thanksgiving for the joy and privilege of ministering in God's church for 30 years.

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

MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: This Friday, 24 September 2021: Adrienne Waters (*soprano*) with Peter Jones (*piano*).

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

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!)

BIKE N HIKE: On Saturday 11 September Andy Fisher, Mark Harbour, Paul Davies and Job Rombout all cycled around the churches of Hemel and further afield for the Historic Churches Trust - thank you to all who sponsored us !!! Also thank you to those who welcomed riders and walkers and gave them much appreciated support and refreshments. If you sponsored them, please now make good on your pledge.

LICENSING: Our Parish Administrator, Hilary Kemp, will be licensed this Sunday as Associate Minister of Bovingdon having successfully completed her curacy. Hilary, who will remain our administrator, is very much looking forward to this next stage of her ministry. We send her our love, prayers, and best wishes.

FR MALCOLM GRANT: Fr Malcolm, who covered services for the vicar over the summer, fell quite badly. He would like to express his thanks for all the concern and best wishes he received and to reassure you that, despite some psychedelic bruising, he is healing well. Thank you.