

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER: SEVENTEENTH 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
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
Daily	9.00-5.00	Church open for Private Prayer	
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's
Monday	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play followed by Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Fundraising Committee	Zoom
Wednesday		ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS	
	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	7.30pm	<i>Farewell service to The Reverend Richard Howlett Vicar of Apsley and Bennetts End</i>	St Benedict's
Thursday	3.15pm	Burial of Ashes: Ken Warby	St John's
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Saturday	2.00pm	Service of Thanksgiving: Jenny Rodway	St John's
	7.30pm	Harvest Quiz Night	St John's Hall

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER: HARVEST FESTIVAL – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Parade Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	12.30pm	Harvest Festival BBQ	St John's Hall
		No Evening Service	

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: 26 September – 2 October:

Colin Barnard (27.09.17), Maisie "Dorothy" Corrigan (28.09.18),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St Mark's Church – meeting at JFK School, Warners End (RC)

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?

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 12.30pm for social time together. £5/adult, £3/child.
- 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.

OCTOBER MAGAZINE: Is now available for collection and distribution. Please obtain yours at the back of our churches.

ST FRANCIS PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Monday 4 October, 8.00pm, High Mass and Benediction followed by drinks reception. All welcome as we give thanks for the life of St Francis and the work of this church within our parish.

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: This Friday, 1 October 2021: Pupils from Westbrook Hay Prep School, followed by lunch and Annual General Meeting.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Calling all young singers to our Junior Choir. A reminder that our Junior Choir will be singing next Sunday for our Harvest Festival.

CHORAL EVENSONG: Thank you to all who joined us for Choral Evensong last week in thanksgiving of Carole's 30 years as a Lay Reader. A superb occasion. If you missed it, a recording is now available on our website.

THE VICAR @ 40!: Thank you for all the birthday wishes this past week. Half way to four score but still only feel like one score! Please join me for Fizz after the Parish Eucharist today. Fr Mike.

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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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