

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER:

LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

No 8.00am Holy Communion this week

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

Guest president and preacher: The Reverend Canon Ralph Godsall

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

No Evening Service

Daily 9.00-5.00 Church open for Private Prayer

9.00am Morning Prayer St John's

Tuesday *No Tiny Tots this week as Half-Term*

Wednesday **10.00am BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee** St John's

5.00pm Evening Prayer St Francis'

Thursday **Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Friday 12.30pm MASJ Lunchtime Concert St John's

7.00pm Choir Practice St John's

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER:

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Note: British Summer Time comes to an end - Clocks go back one hour to GMT

8.00am BCP Holy Communion St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

No online service this week. Please join the Abbey community.

10.00am Mass St Francis'

11.30am Morning Worship St Stephen's

12.30pm St John's Lunch St John's Hall

No Evening Service

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:

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| 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, Karen Gager, 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, Vera Trustram, 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:

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| Jean Ashburner, Celia Brown, Nicholas Erith, | |
| Joyce Baker | funeral: 1 November, 2.20pm, West Herts Crematorium |
| Barbara Adams | funeral: 3 November, 12.10pm, St John's Church |
| Gillian Smith | funeral: 10 November, 11.45am, St John's Church |

those whose Years mind is this week: 24 - 30 October:

Gary Fulks (26.10.16), Jill Cannone (28.10.20), Brenda Bootland (29.10.20), Norry Deaney (29.10.19), David Hardware (29.10.18),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: New Life Pentecostal Church (Assemblies of God)

PARISH NOTICES

COVID NOTICES: Current measures in this Parish

The following measures are in operation in order to help maintain confidence in coming to Church to worship:

- 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>

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar Flowers this week are sponsored by Marian Davies 'In fondest memory of my dad Stan'

WELCOME: We welcome The Reverend Canon Ralph Godsall as our president and preacher today at St John's. Fr Mike and Canon Godsall worked together in Westminster.

OPEN PCC MEETING: Tuesday 9 November, 8.00pm, St John's Church. Everyone is invited to this Meeting of the PCC to discuss the reintroduction of the St John's Choir Stalls and potential alterations to make them fit for purpose.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB: Guest speaker at the meeting on **Monday 1 November** will be Carole Lewis talking about volunteering at Lourdes. All are welcome. Di Tovey 263669

ALL SOULS' & MEMORIAL SERVICE: We shall be remembering in our prayers those whom we love but are parted from by death at these specific services:

Tues 2 November, 8pm, St Francis –Requiem Mass

Wed 3 November, 10.00am, St John's – Holy Communion with remembrance

Sun 7 November, 4pm, St John's – Annual Memorial Service for those recently bereaved

If you would like your departed loved ones to be remembered by name at both the Communion services, please write their names on the list at the back of our churches. Candles will be lit (in a socially distanced manner) for those remembered by name. All are welcome to these services. Lists will be removed for collation, Tuesday 2 November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: The Council and The Royal British Legion are planning to return to something like 'normal' this year. Services at St John's on Remembrance Sunday will be:

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance

10.50am Civic Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

11.30am Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR SYLVIA SHAW: Sylvia, who was a long-time member of St John's died last year during Lockdown. Her family invite you to remember and give thanks for Sylvia on **Saturday 6 November, 3.00pm**, at St John's. During the service she will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance.

MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: This week, **Friday 29 October, 12.30pm: Lunaire Quartet**

ST JOHN'S LUNCH CLUB: Our next Sunday lunch will be on **Sunday 31 October, 12.30pm**. Please sign-up by Sunday 24 October for catering purposes. All welcome.

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?

COUNT DOWN TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Saturday 20 November, 10.00am-2.00pm. Help with stalls and produce needed. Please speak to Cathy Shaw, Alan Munford, or Jean Garner if you are able to help.

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.

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The regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm.

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