

NEWSLETTER

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

Daily 9.00-5.00 Church open for Private Prayer

9.00am Morning Prayer St John's

Monday All Saints' Day

10.00am Burial of Ashes – Anthony Coughtrey St John's

7.45pm Together on Monday Club St John's Hall

Tuesday All Souls' – Commemoration of the faithful departed

9.30am Tiny Tots: Stay & Play followed by Service St John's Hall

8.00pm Requiem Mass for the departed St Francis'

during which names of departed loved ones are remembered

Wednesday All Souls' – Commemoration of the faithful departed

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

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11.45am Funeral – Barbara Adams St John's

5.00pm Evening Prayer St Francis'

Friday 11.30am Burial of Ashes – Irene Saxby St John's

12.30pm MASJ Lunchtime Concert: Anna Le Hair, piano. St John's

7.00pm Choir Practice St John's

Saturday 3.00pm Memorial Service and Interment of Ashes – Sylvia Shaw St John's

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER: THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am BCP Holy Communion St John's

10.00am All-Age Eucharist with Holy Baptism St John's

sung by the Junior Choir

10.00am Mass St Francis'

11.30am Morning Worship St Stephen's

12noon Holy Baptism St John's

4.00pm Annual Memorial Service for the departed St John's

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, 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:

Joyce Baker funeral: 1 November, 2.20pm, West Herts Crematorium
Barbara Adams funeral: 3 November, 11.45am, St John's Church
Gillian Smith funeral: 10 November, 12noon, St John's Church

those whose Years mind is this week: 31 October – 6 November:

Joyce Winter (1.11.17)

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Our local Ambulance and Paramedic Service

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>

TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB: Guest speaker at the meeting this **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.

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 Sylvia's, and husband's Tony's ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance.

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.

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

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.

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

3RD BOXMOOR SCOUT GROUP are looking for an Assistant Leader and a Quartermaster to join the team. No experience necessary as training will be provided. For more information contact chair@3rdboxmoor.org.uk

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The office will be closed until Thursday 11 November

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