The Parish of Boxmoor

St John’s Boxmoor,

St Stephen’s Chaulden & St Francis’ Hammerfield

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NEWSLETTER

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| **Sunday 3 October:** | **HARVEST FESTIVAL – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity** | |
|  | **8.00am**  **10.00am**  **10.00am**  **11.30am**  **12noon**  *12.30pm* | **Holy Communion** *St John’s*  **All-Age Parade Eucharist**  *St John’s*  Online service available on our website for those unable to join in person:  *www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk*  **Mass**  *St Francis’*  **Morning Worship**  *St Stephen’s*  **Holy Baptism**  *St John’s*  *Harvest Festival BBQ St John’s Hall*  *No Evening Service* |
| *Daily* | *9.00-5.00*  9.00am | *Church open for Private Prayer*  Morning Prayer *St John’s* |
| Monday | **St Francis of Assisi** | |
|  | **11.30am**  7.45pm  **8.00pm** | **Holy Communion** *Mountbatten Lodge*  Together on Monday Club: *Statues in the Abbey by Jean Garner St John’s Hall*  **Patronal Festival Sung Mass and Benediction** *St Francis’*  *Guest Preacher: The Reverend Chris Stoltz, Chaplain, Haileybury School* |
| Tuesday | **9.30am**  **2.15pm** | Tiny Tots: *Stay & Play followed by Service* *St John’s Hall*  **South Hill School Harvest Festival** *St John’s* |
| Wednesday  Friday | **10.00am**  5.00pm  12.30pm  5.30pm  7.00pm | **BCP Holy Communion** *followed by coffee* *St John’s*  Evening Prayer *St Francis’*  MASJ Lunchtime Concert – *Benjamin Weitzmann - organ*  *St John’s*  Junior Choir  *St John’s Hall*  Choir Practice *St John’s* |
| **Sunday 10 October:** | **Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity** | |
|  | **8.00am**  **10.00am**  **10.00am**  **11.30am** | **Holy Communion** *St John’s*  **Parish Eucharist**  *St John’s*  **Mass**  *St Francis’*  **Holy Communion**  *St Stephen’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, 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, Chloё 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: 3 - 9 October:**

Peter Bennett (3.10.17), Susan Dunnett (5.10.16), Archie Lewis (6.10.16), Valerie Smith (7.10.20),

Diane Proctor (8.10.19), Frederick Brown (9.10.17).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – Christian volunteers supporting and advising families about debt and related issues.

**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!**)

**HARVEST FLOWERS:** The Harvest Festival Wheatsheaf and Altar Flowers have been kindly sponsored by David Doyle Estate Agents.

**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.

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

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS RETURNS:** WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER, 3.30-5.00pm, St John’s Hall. Delighted to announce the return of Friendship Teas. If you would like to come you would be most welcome. For more information or if you would like to help please contact Sandy Cutts*:* [*cuttssandycutts@gmail.com*](mailto:cuttssandycutts@gmail.com)

**NEXT CHORAL EVENSONG:** Sunday 17 October, 6.30pm – All welcome

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Fr Ben and Mrs Elizabeth Weitzmann on the safe arrival of their little girl this week. All are doing well. Her name is yet to be announced. We send our warmest wishes to the new family.

**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, 8 October 2021: Benjamin Weitzmann – organ.

**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.

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

*The office will be closed w/c 4 October.*

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