

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER: CHRIST THE KING

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Combined Parish Eucharist followed by drinks reception <i>A pre-recorded Eucharist is available on our website for those unable to attend in person</i> Guest Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Ruth Goatly <i>No Service at St Francis' or St Stephen's this week</i>	St John's
	11.30am	PCC meeting	St John's
	6.30pm	Deanery Confirmation Service	Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green
Daily	9.00-5.00	Church open for Private Prayer	
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's
Monday	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Fundraising Committee	Zoom
Tuesday	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	5.30pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Saturday	7.30pm	MaSJ Celebrity Organ Recital: Tom Winpenny	St John's

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER: ADVENT SUNDAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist <i>A pre-recorded Eucharist is available on our website for those unable to attend in person</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	3.00pm	Messy Church	St John's Hall
	6.30pm	Advent Reflection <i>Music and Readings for the start of Advent</i>	Website

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 "live with" Covid
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, Karen Gager, 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:

Hazel Fulks	funeral 22 November, 3.20pm, West Herts Crematorium
Agatha Gardiner	funeral: 30 November, 11.30am, St John's Church
Duncan MacEwan	funeral: 1 December, 12noon, St John's Church
Sylvia Macklin	funeral: 10 December, 2.20pm, West Herts Crematorium

those whose Years mind is this week: 21-27 November:

Alan Stone (21.11.19), Ishaan 'Sonny' Khan (23.11.19), Frederick Redman (26.11.16), Vera Ewer (27.11.18).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Street Pastors – a Christian presence late night on the streets, offering reassurance and help.

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>

TODAY: We welcome Canon Ruth Goatly to our Parish Eucharist as our preacher. This will be a combined Parish Eucharist (no services at St Francis' of St Stephen's) and will be followed by drinks, and then a PCC meeting.

CELEBRITY ORGAN RECITAL: Marking 10 years since the Nicholson organ was installed, Music at St John's has arranged an organ recital by Tom Winpenny, Assistant Master of the Music at St Alban's Cathedral, on Saturday 27 November at 7.30pm. Admission £10.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH: 5 December, 12.30pm – please sign up at the back of St John's by **tomorrow - 22 November**.

MESSY CHURCH: Sunday 28 November, 3.00-5.00pm, Advent Messy Church. Fun, games, craft, worship, and food to get kick off the season of Advent. Everyone is welcome – particularly appropriate for children.

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?

ALTAR FLOWERS: This week the Altar flowers have been sponsored by Katherine and Jonathan Cox in loving memory of their daughter Emily Charlotte Cecilia.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Thank you to everyone who worked so hard yesterday to make the Fayre such a fun and successful day. Over £2850 was raised on the day. If you were unable to attend but want to make a contribution please see the Vicar.

AN ADVENT REFLECTION: This Advent, why not welcome in the new Church year and begin your preparations for Christmas by joining our virtual Advent Service via our website. Our magnificent choir will lead our worship along with poetry and scripture readings. Together may our prayer be *Come, Lord, and do not delay*.

CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY: The Parish Christmas publicity is currently being printed. We really need your help to deliver cards so that everyone in the Parish knows how they can celebrate Christmas with us. Please sign up at the back of church for roads you are willing to deliver to.

TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Covid hasn't gone away meaning we face another Christmas with restrictions. To maximise the numbers attending services in a safe way we are ticketing all our services over Christmas, and doubling the number of services offered. Tickets are released on 1 December. Please book your tickets via our website. If you need help, please contact the Office/Vicar.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO EACH OTHER: Once again you are invited to share Christmas greetings with each other via one large card at the back of St John's and to give the money you would have spent on postage/individual cards to our nominated charity *Bibles for Children*. The Card will be available from 5 December at the back of St John's.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Like last year we had trees both inside and outside church, trying to bring some light into our darkness. We intend to do the same this year. Would you be willing to sponsor a tree outside and put our Church on the map? Please contact Jean Garner on 257023 for more information.

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

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