

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 24 JULY:

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
12.30pm	St John's Lunch Club	St John's Hall

Monday

## St James the Apostle

10.00am	Funeral – Brenda Gower	St John's
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Wednesday

10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
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5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
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Thursday

7.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St John's
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8.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St John's
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Saturday

2.00pm	Wedding: Scott Fletcher and Joely Mitchell	St John's
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3.30pm	Wedding: Hughie Holness and Harriet Namaweijje	St John's
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## SUNDAY 31 JULY:

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
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10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
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10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
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11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
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## OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**those getting married this week:** Joely Mitchell & Scott Fletcher and Harriet Namaweijje & Hughie Holness;

**all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic**

**the peoples of Ukraine – those defending their land; those made refugees; those in positions of leadership**

**those who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Anne, Chris Angell, Becky, Matt Blake, Brenda, Catherine, Jean Dawkins, Ethan, Michele Finch, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Stanley Rose;

**those with ongoing needs:** Richard Berry, John Bery, Val Darvill, Gill Dow, Pam French, Derek Frost, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Chloë Lear, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Samuel & James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Phil Peckham, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, Marion Roff, 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.*

## **Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:**

Holy Trinity Church, Leverstock Green.

## **those who have died recently and we pray for their families and friends:**

Brenda Gower Funeral: 25 July, 10.30am, St John's Church

Beryl King Service of Thanksgiving: 5 August, 1.00pm, St John's Church

Margaret Delph, Ghita Harbour, Maureen Knight, Ellen "Nell" Whitmarsh;

## **those whose Years mind is this week: 24-30 July:**

Eric Winter (24.7.18), Zelda Breed (26.7.18), John Baldwin (27.7.21), Peter Brown (27.7.17), Pamela Stocker (30.7.20), Pauline Wallace (30.7.17).

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

## PARISH NOTICES

### COVID UPDATE:

- We have now **re-introduced the chalice** within the parish. Receiving communion in both kinds is not compulsory (as our recent practice has shown). If you would like to receive the chalice the offer is there. If you would prefer not to receive from the common cup then simply receive the host and walk back to your places. It is an entirely personal decision.
- Intincting/dipping your wafer into the wine is not permitted.
- Your ministers will no-longer be required to wear face coverings to distribute the Sacrament.
- Mandatory Social Distancing has ceased, however, please be mindful when choosing somewhere to sit as some may still prefer to keep at a respectable distance and/or wear a face covering. If you would like some space no-one will be offended if you say so.
- The physical sharing of the Peace remains suspended.

**LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK:** The Parish Eucharist at 10.00am will be live streamed this week. This can be joined at: [www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/live-streamed-services](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/live-streamed-services) - we apologise in advance if our internet connection fails! A recording will be uploaded as soon as possible if this happens. Thank you for your understanding.

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND QUEEN OF ENGLAND:** Wow! What a stunning service! If you missed it you missed a treat. The choir and St John's ensemble were on top form and really lifted our hearts in worship and praise. A very fitting way to end the choir term. Thank you as always to our dedicated musicians and especially to Keith Beniston, our Director of Music, for orchestrating the scores, leading the choir, and bringing it all together – we are very fortunate to have him! Thanks also to Nicholas for playing despite sad personal circumstances, and to Katherine Boyce for some amazing solos.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers this week are given by Annie Mitchell and all the family in memory of David on his birthday "Love Never Ends".

**CONDOLENCES:** It is with sadness that we note 3 bereavements for members of the Church family:

- Beryl King, wife of Nicholas (our former Director of Music) died peacefully on Sunday. Her Service of Thanksgiving will be on 5 August at 1.00pm at St John's.
- Margaret Delph, long-standing member of St Francis' and former churchwarden, died peacefully on Tuesday. Details of her funeral will be announced when known.
- Ghita Harbour (Mark Harbour's mother) died peacefully last weekend. Her funeral will be up-north. This comes within 2 months of his mother-in-law passing.

We offer our prayers and condolences to all these families confident that the joys of the resurrection of now theirs.

**8.00AM HOLY COMMUNION:** Please note that **during August there will be no 8.00am Sunday Holy Communion service.** This is to prevent confusion as to when it is happening or not due to the Vicar taking annual leave. All other services will take place as usual but finding cover for the 8.00am is not as easy as it once was. It will re-start in Sunday 4 September. Thank you for your understanding.

**HOMES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES:** The Parish has registered for the government "Homes for Ukraine Scheme" planning to offer 23 Beechfield Road as accommodation to a Ukrainian family for a period of 6 to 12 months. Once we are approved we will need to ensure that 23 Beechfield is ready for occupation. This will involve clearing the front and back garden, cleaning the property, potential furniture, bedding, curtains, kitchenware and a whole host of other practical items plus ensuring that the family is welcomed in our Parish. If you would like to offer your support and be part of the "Homes for Ukraine Parish Scheme" then please pass your details to the Parish office [office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) with your name, telephone number, and email address. Thank you to those who have already volunteered time/possessions – we will be in touch with you very soon.

**SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:** Should anyone be in need of advice or help concerning a safeguarding matter, please approach the Vicar or Marian Davies, Parish Safeguarding Officer.

**BOXMOOR PARISH WEBSITE:** If you have posters for an event which you would like to appear on the church website, or if you have taken photos of a church event and would like them to appear on the website, please email them to [webteam@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:webteam@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) so that the website team can access them easily. We are an active parish and it would be nice to show that.

**LIVE STREAMING – VISIBILITY IN SERVICES:** There are various issues concerning Safeguarding and GDPR which mean we need your permission for you to appear on screen – especially if you are a minor. A plan of where you can sit without being seen on camera is being drawn up; permission is being sought from families for children to be on camera; camera angles are being planned and programmed for various parts of the service to limit exposure. Thank you for your cooperation.