

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

	8.00am	<i>No Service</i>	
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	3.30pm	Friendship Tea	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Friday	2.00pm	Wedding: Danielle Jackman and Gary Mullery	<i>St John's</i>

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST: TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	<i>No Service</i>	
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	3.00-5.00pm	Junior Church picnic	<i>St John's churchyard</i>

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

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 being Baptised on 7 August: Luca Chiew

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Anne, Chris Angell, Becky, Matt Blake, Brenda, Catherine, Peter Clayton, 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:

Our Fire and Rescue Service & Liberty Christian Centre – Grovehill (Assemblies of God);

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

Margaret Delph, Beryl King, Ghita Harbour;

those whose Years mind is this fortnight: 7 – 20 August:

Doris Marshall (8.8.19), Linda Gair (12.8.20), Rose Woodward (12.8.19), Linda Cottle (14.8.17), Gilbert Burnham (15.8.20), Bob Croxford (17.8.18), Joyce Graham (19.8.18), David Frith (20.8.17).

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 - 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.

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.

JUNIOR CHURCH PICNIC: Sunday 21 August, 3.00-5.00pm, in St John's churchyard (in the hall if wet). A time for children and families to gather in the sunshine, enjoy games and company. Bring your own picnic and rug. Drinks will be provided. All welcome.

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 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 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.