

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST:

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am No Service

10.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Mass

11.30am Morning Worship

3.00pm Junior Church picnic

St Bartholomew, Apostle

10.00am BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee

5.00pm Evening Prayer

St John's

St Francis'

St Stephen's

St John's churchyard

Wednesday

St John's

St Francis'

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST:

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am No Service

10.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Mass

11.30am Morning Worship

10.00am BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee

5.00pm Evening Prayer

6.30pm Wedding rehearsal

12.30pm Wedding: Aimee Hart and Gary Restall

St John's

St Francis'

St Stephen's

St John's

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SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER:

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All-Age Eucharist

10.00am Mass

11.30am Morning Worship

St John's

St John's

St Francis'

St Stephen's

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 who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Chris Angell, Becky, Matt Blake, Brenda, Catherine, Peter Clayton, Jean Dawkins, Ethan, Michele Finch, Lizzie, Anne Lyne, 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, Gladys Mimer, 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:

St Francis of Assisi Church, Boxmoor, and Discovery – a charity bringing Christian Witness to Hemel Hempstead Primary Schools, led by Andrew Masters;

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

Corrine Bowgen Funeral: 26 August, 3.30pm, Chesham Bois Cemetery Chapel
Moira Popplewell,

those whose Years mind is this fortnight: 21 August – 3 September:

Raymond Gillard (27.8.19), David Stevens (3.9.19), Denise Hudson (26.8.18),

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.

VICAR'S HOLIDAYS: Whilst the Vicar is on leave we welcome Canon Malcolm Grant and Canon Martin Bannister to lead our services. If you have any pressing pastoral concerns during this time please contact Marian Davies, Churchwarden, on 01442 259447. The Vicar will be back to work on 1 September.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Last week's Altar flowers were given by Marion King in loving memory of her parents, Win and Harry Downer. This week's Altar flowers are given by Jean Frith in memory of David.

PARISH MAGAZINE: The September Parish Magazine is now available at the back of St John's Church. Bundles for delivery are on the table by the Children's Room.

SUNDOWNER COCKTAILS: **Sunday 4 September, 4.00pm** – Come to St John's to enjoy early evening cocktails. No need to sign-up – just come along. Cocktails will be very reasonably priced!

BIKE 'N' HIKE: The annual Bike n' Hike will take place on **Saturday 10 September** to raise money both for our Parish and Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. Andy Fisher (and hopefully the Vicar) will be riding to visit as many churches as possible. Please sponsor – sign-up form in St John's.

TOGETHER ON MONDAYS: (Tom's) is a mixed group of people who meet at 7.45pm in the church hall on the first and third Mondays in the month. Our programme is varied with outside speakers and social evenings etc. Subscription is £10 per year plus a donation for coffee and our chosen charity at each meeting. We start again on 5 September and new members will be very welcome. Any queries please call Di Tovey 263669.

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.

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.