

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER: TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist <i>including Bucket Collection for DEC Appeal for Pakistan</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	4.00pm	Sundowner Cocktails – <i>Church social</i>	St John's Hall
Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service – resumes	St John's Hall
	11.30am	Church Meeting: Hall Committee	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	7.30pm	Wedding rehearsal	St John's
Friday	2.00pm	Wedding: Nanette Cashmore & Gary Tadman	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist – <i>Sermon Series: Holy Communion</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	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:

New Church Hemel – Gadebridge area;

Special Deanery Prayers:

Mother Alice Jolley who will be licensed and installed on Tuesday 6 September as the new vicar of St Benedict's, Bennetts End, and St Mary's, Apsley End by the Bishop of St Albans;
The folk of St Mary's in the Old Town following the sudden death of The Reverend Diana Spink;

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

Brenda North Funeral: 12 September, 2.00pm, St John's Church
Wendy Treversh Funeral: 14 September, 1.00pm, St John's Church
Una Higson, Funeral: 3 October, 10.30am, St John's Church
Diana Spink, priest;

those whose Years mind is this week: 4 – 11 September:

Betty Cates (7.9.17), Doris Fisher (9.9.18);

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The core 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 - 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: Resumes this Sunday – All welcome for this simple service in traditional language.

SUNDOWNER COCKTAILS: TODAY - 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!

DEC Appeal for Pakistan: A Bucket Collection will be available at the back of St John's this and next Sunday as we seek to help the millions of people suffering in Pakistan as a result of severe flooding. Please be as generous as you can.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this week are in celebration of Aimee Hart's and Gary Restall's wedding yesterday. We wish them well in their new life together.

CONDOLENCES: Una Higson RIP We send our love, prayers, and condolences to Una Higson's family. Una, a long standing member of the 8.00am Communion service died on 24 August in hospital. Her funeral will be at St John's on 3 October.

TOGETHER ON MONDAYS: We start again this Monday, 5 September, 7.45pm, with a Beetle Drive. New members will be very welcome – All are welcome. Any queries please call Di Tovey 263669.

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.

SERMON SERIES: Next Sunday our mini sermon series on the seven Sacrament's of the Church begins. We shall start by exploring the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

CHORAL EVENSONG: Sunday 18 September, 6.30pm – heralding the choir's return from the summer break come and give thanks to God during this special Choral Evensong as we rejoice in the company of St Michael and All Angels. All welcome.

MESSY CHURCH: Sunday 25 September, 3.00-5.00pm, in St John's hall. Fun, games, craft, food, worship, and mess for all the family. Please spread the word. All welcome.

HARVEST QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 1 October, 7.30pm: The next Quiz Night is in the Church Hall starting at 7.30pm. Tables of 8 now available or we can add you to an existing team. Tickets available from Alan Munford 01442 242543 or email alan.munford@btinternet.com. Can you help by donating a raffle prize please? Speak to Alan. Thanks

HOMES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES: The bureaucratic wheels are turning and it is looking more hopeful that we will be able to welcome a Ukrainian family to Beechfield Rd., There will be a chart showing what will be needed, at the back of St John's. Please could you add the item that you could provide and your name and contact details to the chart. Thank you to those who have already volunteered time/possessions – we look forward to receiving your items =.

ST JOHN'S LUNCH CLUB: The next St John's lunch will be on **Sunday 30 October**. Apologies for the delay – this is the first available Sunday. A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time.

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.