

NEWSLETTER

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	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
Monday	2.00pm	Funeral: Brenda North	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's Hall
	11.30am	Church Meeting: Bereavement Committee	St John's Hall
		Church Meeting: Junior Church	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	1.00pm	Funeral: Wendy Treversh	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	7.30pm	Wedding rehearsal	St John's
Thursday	11.00am	Burial of Ashes: Bill Scott	St John's
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert	St John's
	2.00pm	Wedding: Nanette Cashmore & Gary Tadman	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall
SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER:		FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist – <i>Sermon Series: Confirmation</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	6.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving for HM Queen Elizabeth II	St John'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 Benedict's Church, Bennetts End;

Special Prayers:

For Her Majesty The Queen and all members of the Royal Family

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

Diana Spink, priest Funeral: 30 September, 10.00am, St Mary's Church, Old Town

Una Higson, Funeral: 3 October, 10.30am, St John's Church;

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

Peter Plested (13.9.20);

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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.

DEC APPEAL FOR PAKISTAN: A Bucket Collection will be available at the back of St John's once again this Sunday as we seek to help the millions of people suffering in Pakistan due to severe flooding. Please be as generous as you can.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this week are given by Di Tovey and family in loving memory of Derek.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: Many happy returns of the day to Keith Beniston, our Director of Music, who turns 70 today.

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.

CONDOLENCES: John Stevens RIP It is with sadness we share the news of John Steven's death, who died on Monday evening at Watford Hospital. We send prayers and best wishes to his family, Sue and Richard.

CONDOLENCES: HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP As we grieve our Late Queen's Majesty St John's is open everyday for all who would like to come and light candles and write a message of condolence. May she rest in peace.

BIKE 'N' HIKE: Andy Fisher, Mark Harbour, and the Vicar took part in the annual Bike n' Hike yesterday – despite the weather – to raise money both for our Parish and Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. If you sponsored them please would you now honour your commitment.

SERMON SERIES: Our next sermon in our mini sermon series on the seven Sacrament's of the Church will be Confirmation.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR HM THE QUEEN: Next Week: Sunday 18 September, 6.30pm – Replacing our scheduled service of Choral Evensong will be a special service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for Her Majesty The Queen. All are 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.