

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St John's |
| | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist – <i>Sermon Series: Confirmation</i> | St John's |
| | 10.00am | <u>Matins</u> – <i>Fr Martin is unwell and unable to attend</i> | 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 |
| Monday | Bank Holiday | | |
| | 11.00am | Funeral: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II | TV |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service – resumes | St John's Hall |
| | 8.00pm | Church Meeting: PCC | St John's Hall |
| Wednesday | St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist | | |
| | 10.00am | BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee | St John's |
| | 3.30pm | Friendship Teas | St John's Hall |
| | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer | St Francis' |
| | 8.00pm | Baptism Preparation | St John's |
| Thursday | 2.00pm | Burial of Ashes: Beryl King | St John's |
| Friday | 12.30pm | MASJ Lunchtime Concert | St John's |
| | 7.00pm | Choir Practice | St John's Hall |

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| | 8.00am | Holy Communion | St John's |
| | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist – <i>Sermon Series: Ordination</i> | St John's |
| | 10.00am | Mass | St Francis' |
| | 11.30am | Morning Worship | St Stephen's |
| | 3.00pm | Messy Church | St John's & Hall |

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, 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:

Our Hospitals: Hemel Hempstead, St Albans, Watford General – staff, patients, chaplains, trustees

Special Prayers:

For our nation and Commonwealth as we mourn Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II; for His Majesty King Charles III, Her Majesty The Queen Consort, The Prince and Princess of Wales, and all members of the Royal Family

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

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

Brenda North, Wendy Treversh, John Stevens, Cath Issacs;

those whose Years mind is this week: 18-24 September:

Jean Bruvelis (18.9.17), Arthur Read (20.9.18), Janna Fuell (21.9.18), Robert Nisbet (24.9.19);

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.

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.

There must be a lot of people, like me, who would like to go to London to pay their respects to the late Queen Elizabeth but feel it is physically impossible. If you would like to bring flowers to church over the weekend we will build up a display around The Queen's portrait to show our love and respect. Marian Davies.

SERMON SERIES: This week's sermon in our mini sermon series on the seven Sacrament's of the Church will be Confirmation. Next week we will be exploring the Sacrament of Ordination and praying for all who are ordained this Michaelmas.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II: Sunday 18 September, 6.30pm – Replacing our scheduled service of Choral Evensong, on the eve of her funeral, will be a special service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. 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.

FRIENDSHIP TEAS: This Wednesday, 3.30-5.00pm, St John's Hall: Come along for afternoon tea and a natter. Perfect way to spend an afternoon in good company. 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

NEW ARRIVAL: Congratulations to Katherine and Jonny Cox (Boyce) on the safe arrival of Baby George Ashley Thomas Cox, born Friday 16 September. All are doing well. We look forward to meeting the wee man!

FROM CHRIS ANGELL: Many thanks for all your prayers, cards and good wishes during my recent unexpected hospitalisation and convalescence. My recovery continues apace and I'm gradually picking up the Treasurer's duties again. Special thanks to Graham Gibbs, Janet Packe, Hilary Kemp and the Vicar for keeping the PCC's finances on an even keel in my absence. Chris.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Junior Choir has resumed following the summer break. Rehearsals are alternate Fridays, 5.30-6.30pm. Open to all primary school aged children. They sing in worship at the All Age Eucharist. We welcome Helen Isaac as their leader whilst Katherine is on maternity leave.

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.

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.

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