

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Monday	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Fundraising Committee	Zoom
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation	St John's
Thursday		St Michael & All Angels	
Thursday	9.00-4.00	MASJ Music Making Day	St John's
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert	St John's
	5.30pm	Junior Choir Practice	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall
Saturday	7.30pm	Harvest Quiz	St John's Hall

## SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER: HARVEST FESTIVAL (SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
10.00am	All Age Parish Eucharist – <i>with Junior Choir</i>	St John's
10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
12noon	Holy Baptism	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, Becky, Matt Blake, Brenda, Catherine, Peter Clayton, Jean Dawkins, Ethan, Michele Finch, Bob Hammond, Angie Jackson, Lizzie, Anne Lyne, Lesley Lunn, 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.*

### **Special Prayers:**

Those who are to be ordained this Michaelmas, and for all who are discerning their vocation in Christ.

### **Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:**

St Mark's Roman Catholic Church – meeting at JFK School in Warners End;

### **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  
John Stevens, Cath Issacs, Stephen Bourne, Queen Elizabeth II;

### **those whose Years mind is this week: 25 September–1 October:**

Jean Ashburner (27.9.21), Nicholas Erith (1.10.21), Maisie Corrigan (28.9.18), Colin Barnard (27.9.17);

## 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.
- 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.

**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](http://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.

**SERMON SERIES:** This week's sermon in our mini sermon series on the seven Sacrament's of the Church will explore the Sacrament of Ordination. On Sunday 9 October we will return to the series when we study the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar Flowers this week are given by Marian Davies in fondest memory of her dad, Stan.

**MESSY CHURCH: THIS 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](mailto:alan.munford@btinternet.com). Can you help by donating a raffle prize please? Speak to Alan. Thanks

**HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Next Sunday – please support our Harvest Appeal *Not Forgotten* for the peoples of Mozambique. Also produce from the DENS High Needs List would be most appreciated. All gifts will be presented at the All Age Eucharist at which the Junior Choir will once again sing.

**ST FRANCIS PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Sunday 9 October, 5.00pm:** High Mass & Benediction in honour of St Francis. Guest preacher: Mother Alice Jolley, Team Vicar of Apsley & Bennetts End. The service will be preceded by Craft Stalls, Cream Teas, and light Refreshments 12noon–4.00pm. All are welcome.

**HOMES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES:** We are hopeful a Ukrainian family will be moving in to our Curatage towards the beginning of October. Please can we have help moving furniture into the property on Saturday morning, 1 October. If you have pledged something, please can you bring it to 23 Beechfield then. For more details, speak to Marian Davies.

**DEC EMERGENCY APPEAL:** A big thank you for your generosity towards this appeal. Over £400 was collected to help the peoples of Pakistan overcome the recent horrendous flooding.

**JUNIOR CHOIR:** Our Junior Choir will be rehearsing this Friday, 5.40-6.30pm, ahead of singing at the All Age Eucharist for Harvest. New (primary aged) singers are always welcome.

**MAGAZINE:** The October edition of the Magazine is available for delivery/collection.

**NEW ARRIVAL:** Congratulations to new grandparents, Richard and Anne Lyne, and to their son and partner, Chris and Nikki, on the safe arrival of Baby Sebastian Christopher Richard Lyne, born on Monday 19 September. All are doing well. We look forward to meeting the him!

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Many happy returns of the day to Job Rombout, churchwarden, who clocked up 3 score years and ten this week. Hope you had a fabulous day celebrating.

**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.

**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.