

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER:	HARVEST FESTIVAL (SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	All Age Parish Eucharist – with Junior Choir	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	12noon	Holy Baptism	<i>St John's</i>
Monday	10.30am	Funeral: Una Higson	<i>St John's</i>
	7.45pm	Together on Monday	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	<i>St John's Hall</i>
		Hemel Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal	<i>St John's</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	<i>St John's</i>
	3.30pm	Friendship Teas	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Finance Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert	<i>St John's</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's Hall</i>
SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER:	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism – Sermon Series: Holy Baptism	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	12-4.00pm	Open Church, craft, Cream Teas	<i>St Francis'</i>
	5.00pm	St Francis Patronal Festival High Mass & Benediction	<i>St Francis'</i>
		<i>Guest Preacher: Mthr Alice Jolley</i>	

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, 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:

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – Christian volunteers supporting and advising families about debt and related issues.

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

Una Higson, Funeral: 3 October, 10.30am, St John's Church
Leslie Lunn, Funeral: 19 October, 11.30am, St John's Church
John Stevens, Cath Issacs, Stephen Bourne, Diana Spink, priest;

those whose Years mind is this week: 2–8 October:

Celia Brown (2.10.2021), Valerie Smith (7.10.2020), Barbara Adams (7.10.2021), Diane Proctor (8.10.2019);

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 - 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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: THIS 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.

HARVEST FLOWERS: Thank you to all who have decorated our churches to make them look fantastic for Harvest.

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.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Meeting this Monday (3 October), 7.45pm. Denise Chenelle will be speaking to us about her life as a teacher. All welcome Di Tovey 263669

SERMON SERIES: Our mini sermon series on the seven Sacrament's of the Church continues next week when we will explore the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

HOMES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES: We are hopeful a Ukrainian family will be moving in to our Curatage next weekend. Thank you to all who have helped furnish the property. If you have pledged something, but not yet brought it, please can you bring it to 23 Beechfield. 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.

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

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.

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.

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