

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER:

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism – <i>Sermon Series: Holy Baptism</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12-4.00pm	Open church, craft, Cream Teas	St Francis'
	5.00pm	St Francis Patronal Festival High Mass & Benediction	St Francis'
		<i>Guest Preacher: Mthr Alice Jolley</i>	
Monday	8.00pm	Communications Committee	Zoom
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	PCC Standing Committee	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	2.15pm	South Hill School Harvest Festival	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert: Charles Sewart <i>violin</i> and Debbie Shah <i>piano</i>	St John's
	5.30pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER:

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist – <i>Sermon Series: Marriage</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's
		<i>Guest Preacher: The Revd Canon Liz Hughes, Chaplain, Luton Airport</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 to be baptised today:

William Patrick Robertson Birnie

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.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:

St Barnabas Church, Adeyfield – in the process of appointing a new Team Vicar;

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

Leslie Lunn, Funeral: 19 October, 11.30am, St John's Church

Una Higson, Cath Issacs, Stephen Bourne, Beryl Hearn;

those whose Years mind is this week: 9-15 October:

Joyce Baker (9.10.21), Frederick Brown (9.10.17), Norman Stanley (10.10.19), Susan Coss (10.10.17), Jean Burgess (11.10.19), Reg Farmborough (11.10.18), Sylvia Evans (11.10.17), Janet Clayton (12.10.97), Mary Galinis (13.10.18), Roy Dale (14.10.17).

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 - 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.

ST FRANCIS PATRONAL FESTIVAL: TODAY - 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.

HOLY BAPTISM & JUNIOR CHURCH TODAY: It will be a delight to baptise William (already a member of our congregation) at the Parish Eucharist this morning. All children present are invited to join our Junior Church for an age-appropriate time of games, craft, and stories about Jesus. Junior Church will return for the Baptism. Particularly fitting to have Junior Church since Mary, William's mother, is a Junior Church leader.

CHORAL EVENSONG: Sunday 16 October, 6.30pm: Delighted to be able to welcome The Reverend Canon Liz Hughes as our guest preacher. You will no doubt remember Liz from her time here as Associate Priest and wife of Vicar, Paul Hughes. Our theme will be *Welcoming the Stranger* picking up her work as Chaplain at Luton Airport and her role in coordinating the arrival of Ukrainian families into this area. Music will include *A Prayer of St Patrick* by Rutter and *O how amiable are thy dwellings* by Vaughan-Williams. All are welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: A big THANK YOU to all who showed their thankfulness to God for his gifts in creation last week at Harvest Thanksgiving by donating produce, money, and time. A fabulous hoard to help our Food Bank; generous financial donations to The Bishop's Appeal, and creative decorations of churches. Thank you.

SERMON SERIES: Our mini sermon series on the seven Sacraments of the Church continues this week as we explore the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Next week we will look at the Sacrament of Marriage.

HOMES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES: Thank you so much for your generosity and help in preparing the Curatage for our Ukrainian family. They have now moved in and are so grateful for all that we have been able to do for them. The welcome, though, has only just begun – now we need to help them to live in our community.

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.

CONDOLENCES: Beryl Hearn RIP: Beryl, who used to be a regular member of the congregation until she moved to Harpenden for additional care died on 22 September. We send our prayers and condolences to her family.

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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