

NEWSLETTER

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
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's
		<i>Guest Preacher: The Revd Canon Liz Hughes, Chaplain, Luton Airport</i>	
Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club	St John's Hall
Tuesday		St Luke, Evangelist	
	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service (<i>last before Half Term</i>)	St John's Hall
Wednesday	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'
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert: Catherine Underhill oboe & Kerry Waller piano	St John's
	5.30pm	Junior Choir Practice	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER:

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist – <i>Sermon Series: Confession</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	No Evening Service	

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:

Oliver Timothy Risto Robertson

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Becky, Matt Blake, Brenda, Catherine, Peter Clayton, Jean Dawkins, Ethan, Michele Finch, Annetta Gray, Bob Hammond, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Lizzie, Anne Lyne, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Jane Rombout, 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 Police forces

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

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

Stephen Bourne, Beryl Hearn;

those whose Years mind is this week: 16-22 October:

Gillian Smith (17.10.21,

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG: TONIGHT: 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 as 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.

SERMON SERIES: Our mini sermon series on the seven Sacrament's of the Church continues this week as we explore the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Next week we will look at the Sacrament of Confession.

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.

ST FRANCIS PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Thank you to all who arranged and attended last week's Patronal Festival and Open Church at St Francis. Mthr Alice preached an excellent sermon; the service was filled with joy and awe; and the Open Church saw lots of people come into church and experience some peace. Added to which over £400 was raised for church funds. Well done all.

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 and is now fully booked**. Advance notice that the **Christmas Lunch** will be on **Sunday 4 December**.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the September Music Percentage Club draw: 1st, Nicholas King, £15; 2nd, Gina Harbour, £8; 3rd, Richard Lyne, £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.

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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