

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St John's – Lady Chapel</i>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> <i>with Act of Remembrance</i>	<i>St John's – High Altar</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>with Act of Remembrance</i>	<i>St Francis'</i>
	<i>10.50am</i>	<i>Civic Act of Remembrance at War Memorial</i>	
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b> <i>with Act of Remembrance</i>	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>	<i>St John's</i>
		<i>No Evening Service</i>	
Monday	10.15am	Hemel Hempstead School Year 7 class visit	<i>St John's</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Wednesday	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	12.45	Hemel Hempstead School Year 7 class visit	<i>St John's</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Saturday	10am-2pm	<b>Countdown to Christmas Fayre</b>	<i>St John's</i>

## SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

### CHRIST THE KING: SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Deanery Confirmation Service</b>	<i>St John's</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, Phil Barton, Andrew, Becky, Matt Blake, Brenda, Catherine, Peter Clayton, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Annetta Gray, 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, Peter Davis, 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, 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 Lady, Queen of All Creation – Bennetts End (Roman Catholic)

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

Simon Cowie, Phil Peckham, Shirley Plumber, Jez Baldwin;

### **those whose Years mind is this week: 13-19 November:**

Sylvia Macklin (14.11.21), Agnes Smith (17.11.17), Alan French (20.11.20).

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

## PARISH NOTICES

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** Today, our Parish Eucharist will be at **9.30am** to give us time to prepare for the Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance at 11.30am and the Act of Remembrance at the town's War Memorial at 10.50am. We will also be remembering the sacrifices made in war during all our main services. Poppies are available at the back of St John's. The 8.00am Service of Holy Communion will be in the Lacy Chapel this week.

**LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK:** The Parish Eucharist at 9.30am 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.

**MESSY CHURCH: Sunday 13 November, 3.00-5.00pm,** - The Story of Joseph - in St John's hall. Fun, games, craft, food, worship, and mess for all the family. Please spread the word. All welcome

**FLOWERS:** The flowers at the Altar this week are given by Gill Williams 'In Remembrance'. The floral display in the porch for Remembrance Sunday has been kindly sponsored by David Doyle Estate Agents. Thank you, as ever, to our gifted arrangers.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Many happy returns to Ken Farmborough who turns four score this week, we hope he has a lovely day.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE:** St John's is hosting the Confirmation Service on **Sunday 20 November, 6.30pm**, for the Deanery. We currently have 6 candidates. Please pray for them and turn-out to support them as they make this public declaration of faith. We shall be welcoming Bishop Christine who will lead the service.

**COUNTDOWN-TO-CHRISTMAS FAYRE: SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 10.00 – 2.00**

We look forward to seeing you at the Fayre. Please invite neighbours and friends. All donations gratefully received. See flyers in church for specific requests.

- **PRODUCE STALL:** Have you been busy making jams, marmalades or chutneys? If so and you have a few jars to spare, Jean Garner and Anne Lyne would be very grateful for any donations you can add to our collection on the stall at the Fayre this year.
- **TOY STALL:** If you have any donations for the toy stall, please contact June Young (07821 185155) who is happy to come and collect them from you.

**ADVENT SUNDAY:** To mark the beginning of Advent we will once again be returning to a special, in-person, service to help us prepare to welcome the coming of the Christ-child this Christmas. This year a Deanery Choir will come together to lead the singing. Come and join this lovely service. **Sunday 27 November, 6.30pm**, St John's.

**MISSING KEY:** One of the keys from the key store in the parish office has been missing for over four weeks. If you ever use the keys, please check your pockets and bags. It has a red tag on it. Many thanks.

**SPOKEN ENGLISH:** One of our Ukranian guests, Olha, is applying for jobs but needs to improve her spoken English. She would really appreciate it if any of you could take the time to speak to her after church on a Sunday morning or suggest any groups she might join to get more experience of speaking English. Olha has a degree and has been working in administration.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** I am looking for sponsors for the outside Christmas Trees. There is a letter in church explaining what is required and I look forward to hearing from you. Jean Garner.

**ST JOHN'S LUNCH CLUB:** Advance notice that the **Christmas Lunch** will be on **Sunday 4 December**. Don't forget to sign-up on the list at the back of St John's.

**MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB:** Congratulations to the winners of the October draw: 1<sup>st</sup>: Gill Williams, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Catherine Holness, £8; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Noel James, £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.

### **COVID GUIDANCE:**

- 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.

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