

PARISH NOTICES

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this week have been given and arranged by Sue Brown in memory of her late husband, Jim.

SUMMER FAIR: What a day! Thank you to everyone who came to our fair and made it the event it became – especially our organisers and all who helped with stalls. With more monies still to come in (the vicar will always take contributions from those not able to attend aka guilt money) we raised over £2000 (net) for church funds which is a fantastic effort given the storms and downpours we endured. Thank you again to everyone who helped or attended.

MAGAZINE: The July Magazine is now available for collection and delivery. Thank you to Sally-Anne, our Editor, for the wonderful job she does each month in compiling our Magazine.

UPCOMING:

- Sunday 16 July, 6.30pm, Choral Evensong at which The Reverend Canon James Reveley, Canon of Ely and former Vicar of this Parish will be our guest preacher. Music to include Bruckner's *Locus iste* and Balfour-Gardiner's *Evening Hymn*. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Sunday 23 July: Parish BBQ and Auction of Promises and Gifts – Services will be held in all our churches as normal. A BBQ will begin at 12.30pm outside St John's followed by an Auction. Please put this date in your diary. The Sign up sheet of for those who would like to attend (in order to help with catering numbers) is now at the back of St John's. Please sign up as soon as possible. There is also a separate list asking for help with providing salads and/or puddings. There will be a bouncy castle for children. Some lovely items are up for auction to help raise funds for the Parish.

UPDATE ON HILARY KEMP: Hilary continues to make great progress in recovery. It is hoped that she will begin a phased return to work this month with the aim of being back to normal hours in time for the start of a new academic term. In the meantime, Penny will continue to assist in the Office.

COFFEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Join our friendly team of volunteers to help serving coffee after the 10am Sunday services. Please can you add your name and surname on the list available on the notice at the back of church or contact Yolanda Porter via email yolandaporter.y.p@googlemail.com, thank you.

HARDSHIP FUND: The church has a hardship fund. Should anyone be struggling with fuel bills the parish may be able to help. Please speak to the vicar.

DACORUM INTERFAITH NETWORK: Meets on second Monday of each month 7.30pm at The Friends Meeting House, Hemel Old Town HP2 5ZB. Welcome all who are interested in networking with Faith groups. Contact 01442 216768 for further information. At our next Meeting on **Monday 10 July**, we will hear from Chris Pearson, a core member of DIN, on Experience of the Probation Service. Chris works as a Chaplain at The Mount Prison, Bovingdon.

Eco Notice Board:

- No plastic July - please take a look at the things we can do to help reduce our use of single use plastic.
- We welcome St Francis church joining St John's church in using Minimal handwash - helping to limit the use of buying single use plastic bottles for handwash and thus helping towards our goal of becoming eco churches together.

Thank you - The Eco Team.

COVID GUIDANCE:

- 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.

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The temporary office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.00pm–5.30pm.

The Vicar will continue to pick-up emails/voicemails outside of these times.