

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** *Sermon Series on Mission & Evangelism*

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	12noon	St John's Lunch – <i>booking essential</i>	St John's Hall
Monday	2.00pm	Burial of Ashes – Pauline Burke	St John's
	2.00pm	Poetry Group	53 Beechfield Road
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	11.45am	Burial of Ashes – Vincent Keen	St John's
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday		Holy Cross Day	
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** *Sermon Series on Mission & Evangelism*

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist <i>with Holy Baptism</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

the peoples of Ukraine: those defending their land; those made refugees; those in positions of leadership;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Sally-Anne Bates, Becky, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Catherine, Hugh Cumberland, Eve Davis, Peter Davis, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Christine Hutton-Jarvis, Angie Jackson, Janice, Kevin, Alan Kirtley, Anne Lyne, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Sue McMorran, Ann & Paul Meeder, Pamela, John Poole, Jane Rombout, Stanley Rose;

those with ongoing needs: Anthony, Richard Berry, John Bery, Peter Clayton, Val Darvill, Peter Davis, Gill Dow, Pam French, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Paul Kessell-Holland, Sheila Lewis, Samuel Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Gladys Mimer, Sharon & family, Steve Randall, 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 Benedict's Church, Bennetts End. Mthr Alice, Team Vicar, their leaders, and congregation;

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

John Moore	Funeral: Monday 11 September, 11.45am	Chilterns Crematorium
Delia Aylott	Funeral: Tuesday 12 September, 12noon	St Mary's, Apsley
Jim Herbert	Funeral: Wednesday 27 September, 11.30am	St John's
Angela Jarman, Sue Allen, Frederica Graham-Brown, Mike Ford;		

those whose Years mind is this week: 10-16 September:

Elisabeth Dorer (13.9.21), Peter Plested (13.9.20).

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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: There will be an opportunity to complete the Safeguarding Basic Awareness Training on Saturday 23 September at 10am in St John's Hall. This is obligatory training for all members of the PCC and recommended for all newcomers. Please sign up at the back of St John's if you will be attending.

THANK YOU: to everyone who has helped to clear the back of the church following the Summer Fayre.

BIKE 'N' HIKE: Mark Harbour, Andy Fisher and our own Vicar donned the lycra and cycled around the churches for the Historic Churches Trust and as a fundraiser for our three churches yesterday. Please support them - there is a sign -up sheet to pledge monies at the back of church. 50% of all sponsorship goes to the Parish. Thank you.

BEGINNING TODAY - SERMON SERIES: How many of us struggle with, or lack confidence in, telling other people about the Good News of Jesus? To help us engage more fully in Mission and Evangelism we will explore a range of questions and methods in which we might fruitfully share the Gospel with family and friends during a short Sermon Series this September and October (excluding 1st Sundays). I hope this will be helpful. *The Vicar*

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers this week are given by June and Ron Forrest in loving memory of their parents.

CHORAL EVENSONG: The Choir term begins next Sunday with Choral Evensong. Music will include Wesley's *Blessed be the God and Father*, Rutter's *Canticles, Responses* by Radcliffe and an *Introit* by Stanford. Come along and make this the perfect end to your Sunday.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION: Confirmation Classes begin in October for a Service of Confirmation at St John's on 26 November. If you would like confirm your faith in Jesus as The Christ, and haven't already been Confirmed, please speak with the Vicar. Classes will be on Monday evenings at the Vicarage.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: This year we will be giving thanks to God for the Harvest on Sunday 1 October. All produce offered will be given DENS – please see their High Needs List of what they would like to receive. A financial offering will also be received for The Bishop's Harvest Appeal: Cracking Food Poverty Together – which aims to provide chickens for families in poverty in Uganda. There will also be a Harvest Quiz on Saturday 30 September, 7.30pm, in the Church Hall; Teams of 6 or 8 (we can help build a team!) – please sign-up at the back of church.

Junior Choir: Our Junior Choir return to practices really soon – preparing for the term ahead. If you know any children who like to sing please invite them to have a conversation with the Vicar or Marian Davies. We look forward to hearing them sing again in October.

ST FRANCIS OPEN DAY AND PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Sunday 8 October – stalls, cakes, cream teas from 11.00am. Concert by *A cappella* at 2.00pm. Festival High Mass & Benediction at 4.00pm. All welcome.

COMMUNION AT HOME: Is age, sickness, or a decrease in mobility preventing you attending Divine Service each week? If yes, have you thought about receiving Communion at Home? Please speak to the Vicar or Carole about arranging this if this would be helpful to you.

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.

MUSIC AT ST JOHN'S: 'Congratulations to the winners of the August Music Percentage Club draw: 1st: Gill Williams, £15; 2nd, Zoe Proehl, £8; 3rd: Job Rombout, £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:

- 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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