

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY *Sermon Series on Mission & Evangelism*

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| | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | <i>St John's</i> |
| | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist | <i>St John's</i> |
| | 10.00am | Sung Mass | <i>St Francis'</i> |
| | 11.30am | Morning Worship | <i>St Stephen's</i> |
| Monday | 8.00pm | Fundraising Committee | <i>St John's Hall</i> |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service | <i>St John's Hall</i> |
| | 8.00pm | Communications Committee | <i>Zoom</i> |
| Wednesday | 10.00am | Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i> | <i>St John's</i> |
| | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer | <i>St Francis'</i> |
| Friday | | St Michael and All Angels | |
| | 12.30pm | MaSJ Lunchtime Concert – Hiu Lam Lo <i>Clarinet</i> with Kerry Waller <i>piano</i> | <i>St John's</i> |
| | 5.45pm | Junior Choir Practice | <i>St John's Hall</i> |
| | 7.00pm | Choir Rehearsal | <i>St John's Hall</i> |
| Saturday | | Harvest Quiz – CANCELLED!! Not enough take-up | |

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL

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| 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | <i>St John's</i> |
| 10.00am | All Age Eucharist <i>sung by the Junior Choir</i> | <i>St John's</i> |
| 10.00am | Sung Mass | <i>St Francis'</i> |
| 11.30am | Morning Worship | <i>St Stephen's</i> |
| 12noon | Holy Baptism | <i>St John's</i> |

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

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

the victims and survivors of natural disasters in Morocco and Libya;

those to be baptised today: Joshua Thomas James Geggie;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Sally-Anne Bates, Becky, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Catherine, Hugh Cumberland, Eve 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 Mark's Church – meeting at JFK School, Warners End (RC), their leaders and congregation;

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

Jim Herbert Funeral: Wednesday 27 September, 11.30am St John's
Peter Davis Funeral: Thursday 12 October, 10.30am Hemel Crematorium
Mike Ford;

those whose Years mind is this week: 24-30 September:

Leslie Lunn (24.9.22), Robert Nisbet (24.9.19), Maisie Corrigan (28.9.18).

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 are given by Marian Davies in fondest memory of her Dad, Stan.

BUCKET COLLECTION FOR MOROCCO & LIBYA: Following the devastation caused in Morocco and Libya in recent by natural disasters there will be a Bucket Collection this week for the DEC Appeal to help the victims and survivors of these disasters. Many thanks for your generosity and prayers.

CONTINUING 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*

BEREAVEMENT: PETER DAVIS RIP: On Tuesday we learned of the passing of Peter Davis – husband to St Francis' regular and local historian, Eve. We send her and her family our love and prayers at this time of loss and sadness.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE: It was announced last Sunday that Hilary will be leaving us at Christmas to take up a new post as Team Vicar with the Torridge Mission Community in north Devon. Hilary has been our Administrator for the last 5 years whilst also serving as Curate in Grovehill and Bourne End, and Associate Minister at Bovingdon. We wish her well in this new ministry. The search for her replacement in the Office now begins – please let the Vicar know if you know of any suitable candidates.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation Classes begin on Monday 2 October, 8.15pm at the Vicarage, in preparation 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.

PLANTS PLEASE: The church garden is in need of Aubretia and Montbretia/Crocsmia. If you can spare any plants please speak to Pat Moran or Tony Beasley. Thank you.

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. The Harvest Quiz on Saturday 30 September, has regrettably been cancelled due to lack of interest.

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.yp@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.

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 core office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am–1.30pm.
The office will be closed until Tuesday 10 October.