

NEWSLETTER

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

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist including Holy Baptism	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's
Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club "Why I Climb" – speaker: Jo Rhoden	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	3.00pm	Friendship Tea	St John's Hall
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	MaSJ Board Meeting	Parish Office
Friday	12.30pm	MaSJ Lunchtime Concert – John Wyatt <i>Organ</i>	St John's
	5.45pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER **SIXTEENTH 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	Morning Worship	St Stephen's

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: Fatemeh Dehghan;

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 McMorrان, 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:

Our hospitals – Hemel Hempstead, St Albans and Watford;

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

Jim Herbert Funeral: Wednesday 27 September, 11.30am St John's

Delia Aylott, John Moore, Angela Jarman, Sue Allen, Frederica Graham-Brown, Derek Rhoden, Mike Ford;

those whose Years mind is this week: 17-23 September:

George Read (20.9.18), Irene Saxby (21.9.21), Janna Fuell (21.9.18), June Shaw (22.9.22).

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.

BUCKET COLLECTION FOR MOROCCO & LIBYA: Following the devastation caused in Morocco and Libya in recent years by natural disasters there will be a Bucket Collection this week and next 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*

CHORAL EVENSONG: The Choir term begins this evening 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.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: The speaker for our meeting on Monday will be Jo Rhoden - talking about why she climbs. Starts at 7.45 pm. Contact Di Tovey for more information: 263669

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: 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.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.