

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY *Sermon Series on Mission & Evangelism*

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
		<i>No morning Service at St Francis today</i>	
	11.00am	St Francis' Open Day – Stalls and Refreshments	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	2.00pm	Just A Capella concert	St Francis'
	4.00pm	Festival High Mass & Benediction	St Francis'
Monday	2.00pm	Poetry Group	53 Beechfield Road
	8.00pm	Confirmation Class	The Vicarage
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	PCC Standing Committee	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	12.30pm	MaSJ Lunchtime Concert – <i>Pupils of The Purcell School</i>	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's
Saturday	6.30pm	Concert: Joyful Noise Choir	St John's

## SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

### NINETEENTH 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
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's

*Preacher: The Venerable Charles Hudson, Archdeacon of St Albans*

## 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 who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, 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, Stanley Rose;

**those with ongoing needs:** Richard Berry, John Bery, Peter Clayton, Val Darvill, Gill Dow, Pam French, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Paul Kessell-Holland, Sheila Lewis, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Gladys Mimer, Sharon & family, Steve Randall, Marion Roff, Jane Rombout, 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:**

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – Christian volunteers supporting and advising families about debt and related issues;

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

Peter Davis                      Funeral: Thursday 12 October, 10.30am                      Hemel Hempstead Crematorium  
Pauline Campbell              Funeral: Wednesday 25 October, 11.45am                      Chilterns Crematorium  
Jean Murphy, Carolyn Harris, Janet Ridgeway (priest), Ian Oglivie (priest);

## **those whose Years mind is this week: 1-7 October:**

Nicholas Erith (1.10.21), Cecilia Brown (2.10.21), Barbara Adams (7.10.21), Valerie Smith (7.10.20).

## **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](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.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers this week have been given and arranged by Jean Frith with thanks for so many family memories.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTIONS:** Thank you for your overwhelming generosity last week in donating essentials to the DENS Foodbank and financially towards the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. Final reckoning to follow but a very full car-load was taken on Monday morning to the Foodbank.

**SERMON SERIES CONTINUES:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays). I hope this will be helpful. The Vicar

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Confirmation Classes began on last Monday, 8.15pm at the Vicarage, in preparation for a Service of Confirmation at St John's on Sunday 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. It's not too late to join or explore your faith.

**NEXT SUNDAY: CHORAL EVENSONG:** At Evensong next week we welcome The Venerable Charles Hudson, Archdeacon of St Albans, as our guest preacher. The Archdeacon is relatively new in post and this will be his first visit to the Parish. I hope many will come to make a good impression. Music will include: Tallis *If ye love me*; Shepherd Responses; Dyson *Evening Service in D*; and Ireland *Greater love*. All are most welcome.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Sunday 22 October, 3.00-5.00pm, *God's Marvellous World* in St John's hall. Fun, games, craft, food, worship, and mess for all the family. Please spread the word. All welcome.

**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.

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS:** NEXT Wednesday, 3.00-4.30pm, St John's Hall: Come along for afternoon tea and a natter. Perfect way to spend an afternoon in good company. 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.

**SERVING CHRIST BY SERVING EACH OTHER:** There are lots of ways we can serve each other and our worshipping community. Sadly, at present, we are wholly reliant on the same few helpers to ensure that our services or events take place. Please consider being a sidesperson/welcomer, a reader or leader of Intercession, a server/Eucharistic minister. The more who take on these ministries the less burdensome they become to all of us.

**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.yip@googlemail.com](mailto:yolandaporter.yip@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.

**SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:** Should anyone be in need of advice or help concerning a safeguarding matter, please approach the Vicar or Rosie Akeroyd, Parish Safeguarding Officer.

### **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.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL:** If you wish to receive the weekly Newsletter by Email please send your Email address to [stjohnchurchnews@btinternet.com](mailto:stjohnchurchnews@btinternet.com) and you will be added to the distribution list.

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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.