

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

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

	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>
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St John's</i>
		<i>Preacher: The Venerable Charles Hudson, Archdeacon of St Albans</i>	
Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club: <i>A talk about my mother, Jennifer Worth - in conversation with Suzannah Worth & Carole Lewis</i>	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	8.00pm	Confirmation Class	<i>The Vicarage</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	1.00pm	Burial of Ashes	<i>St John's</i>
	8.30pm	PCC Standing Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Wednesday		St Luke the Evangelist	
	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	12noon	Burial of Ashes	<i>St John's</i>
	3.00pm	Friendship Teas	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Thursday	All Day	MASJ: Unisound Recorder Day	<i>St John's</i>
	11.00am	Mountbatten Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
Friday	12.30pm	MaSJ Lunchtime Concert – Alice Bishop <i>Soprano</i> with David Elwin <i>piano</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	5.45pm	Junior Choir	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>St John's</i>

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

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

	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	Holy Communion	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	3.00pm	Messy Church	<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;

for peace between Israeli and Palestinian;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Becky, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Catherine, Marion Cowe, Hugh Cumberland, Eve Davis, Jean Dawkins, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, 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, Michele Finch, 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:

Our Police forces;

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

Pauline Campbell Funeral: Wednesday 25 October, 11.45am Chilterns Crematorium
Philip Preston Funeral: Monday 30 October, 11.30am Hemel Hempstead Crematorium
Christopher Hunt, Pauline Brookman, Peter Davis, Carolyn Harris, Ian Oglivie (priest);

those whose Years mind is this week: 15-21 October:

Gillian Smith (17.10.21), Brenda Reedman (21.10.20).

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 - 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.

TONIGHT: CHORAL EVENSONG: At Evensong TONIGHT 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers have been sponsored by our Lay Reader, Carole Lewis, to the glory of God and in memory of her late beloved husband, John Lewis, who died on 15 October 2006.

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 1st Sundays). I hope this will be helpful. *The Vicar*

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Confirmation Classes have begun on Mondays, 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.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Suzannah Worth and Carole Lewis will be in conversation about Jennifer Worth. The meeting starts at 7.45pm in the hall. Di Tovey 263669

FRIENDSHIP TEAS: THIS 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.

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.

ST JOHN'S LUNCHESES have been restricted in numbers as there are only three people available to cook the lunches. If you can help with cooking, preparation or in any other way, please speak to Marian Davies.

PLANTS: We have received enough plants now and have planted up the spinney thank you. Looking forward to a bright spring display.

CHURCHYARD WALL: On Thursday afternoon 2 cars collided at the junction of Heath Lane and St John's Road – one of which ended up going through the churchyard wall. Both drivers were ok although one fled the scene! Repairs to the wall will be made.

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, 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.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the September Music Percentage Club draw: 1st: Nicholas King, £15; 2nd: Sheila James, £8; 3rd: Richard Lyne, £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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