

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

TWENTIETH 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
3.00pm	Messy Church	St John's

Tuesday No Tiny Tots this week – Half Term

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion *followed by coffee* St John's
5.00pm Evening Prayer St Francis'

Friday 12.30pm MaSJ Lunchtime Concert – Charles Sewart *Violin* and Debbie Shah *piano* St John's
7.00pm Choir Rehearsal St John's

Saturday Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

LAST SUNDAY OF TRINITY

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;

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 McMorrان, 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:

New Life Pentecostal Church (Assemblies of God), their leaders and congregation;

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
Pauline Brookman	Funeral: Friday 3 November, 11.00am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Frimley

Christopher Hunt, Carolyn Harris;

those whose Years mind is this week: 22-28 October:

Jill Cannone (28.10.20).

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The core office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am–1.30pm.

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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.

MESSY CHURCH THIS AFTERNOON: 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this week have been given by Janet Packe in 'Celebration of Family Birthdays'.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: No Confirmation Class this week – resumes Monday 30 October.

ALL SOULS' & MEMORIAL SERVICE: We shall be remembering in our prayers those whom we love but are parted from by death at these specific services:

Wed 1 Nov: 10.00am, St John's – Holy Communion with Remembrance

Thurs 2 Nov: 8.00pm, St Francis – sung Requiem Mass

Sun 5 Nov, 4.00pm, St John's – Annual Memorial Service for those recently bereaved

If you would like your departed loved ones to be remembered by name at both the Communion services, please write their names on the list at the back of our churches. Candles will be lit for those remembered by name. All are welcome to these services. Lists will be removed for collation, Tuesday 31 October.

COUNTDOWN-TO-CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 18 NOVEMBER - DONATIONS NEEDED: We're gearing up in our preparations for this year's Fayre and crates are now available at the back of the church (under the black tables) for any items you could donate for sale. We're collecting good quality gifts, toiletries (in date, unopened), stationery, books, jewellery, toys and teddies as in past years but NOT crockery and glass this year, thanks. Also needed are bottles for the bottle tombola - though these would be best stored in the office. Detailed requests will be coming out in the coming weeks and sign up lists for cakes and produce and to help! With huge thanks in advance!

ST JOHN'S LUNCHES 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.

ST FRANCIS' OPEN DAY: A great big thank you to everyone involved in making St Francis' Open Day such a happy and successful one, culminating in a magnificent Mass and Benediction service. Monies raised were over £690 on the day, with more still coming in.

CHORAL EVENSONG LAST SUNDAY: Sincere thanks to all who participated and attended Choral Evensong last Sunday, particularly to Archdeacon Charles – our visiting preacher – and our excellent musicians. Choral Evensong will return again the New Year.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: will take place from 15-19 December. If anyone would like to sponsor and decorate an indoor tree or sponsor an outdoor tree please see Jean Hammond for a sponsorship form (or you can pick one up from the back of church). There will soon be a sign-up sheet at the back of church for help with stewarding at the festival so please have your diaries ready!

FREE TOY SWAP: Saturday 2 December 2023, St Stephen's Church, Long Chaulden, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD HP1 2BY. Drop off Toys from 10 am Stay for refreshments Swap Toys from 11 am - 12 noon Maximum of 5 Toys each to swap - for 5 'new to you'. In good condition please. For further details contact The Green Team:- Rosie Shaw, Mark Harbour or Dee Fisher 07748 307979

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.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.

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.