

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

### LAST SUNDAY OF TRINITY – NOTE: CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR TO GMT

	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
Monday	8.00pm	Confirmation Class	The Vicarage
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
Wednesday		<b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>	
	10.00am	Holy Communion with remembrance of departed loved ones followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday		<b>All Souls' Day</b>	
	11.00am	Mountbatten Lodge Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
	8.00pm	Requiem Mass with remembrance of departed loved ones	St Francis'
Friday	12.30pm	MaSJ Lunchtime Concert – Star Flutes flute quintet	St John's
	5.45pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's
Saturday	7.30pm	Concert: Hemel Symphony Orchestra	St John's

## SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	4.00pm	Annual Memorial Service	St John'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 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 local Ambulance and Paramedic Service;

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

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  
Pauline Campbell, Christopher Hunt, Carolyn Harris;

### **those whose Years mind is this week: 29 October – 4 November:**

James MacEwan (29.10.21), Brenda Bootland (29.10.20), Norry Deaney (29.10.19), David Hardware (29.10.18), Hazel Fulks (31.10.21).

## **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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weeks' flowers have been sponsored and arranged by Sue Brown in loving memory of Stella Chandler.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Classes resume this Monday at 8.15pm. Please pray for our candidates.

**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.

**ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY:** A job description for our new Administrator has been posted to our website and Facebook page. Please share with people you may think would be interested. Please pray that we appoint the right person to this post. Application Deadline: 13 November.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** Please note the Parish Eucharist will be at 9.30am on Sunday 12 November. This will be followed by the Civic Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph at 10.45am. Both St Francis' and St Stephen's will hold Acts of Remembrance at their usual times.

**2023 BIKE 'N' HIKE UPDATE:** I am delighted to say that we raised a total of £400 and this is the highest total for many years - thank you!!! *Dee Fisher.*

**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!

**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](mailto:yolandaporter.yp@googlemail.com), thank you.

### **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.*