

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

### HARVEST FESTIVAL SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All Age Parade Eucharist <i>sung by the Junior Choir</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club: <i>"Sinking beneath the Waves" Speaker: Noel James</i>	St John's Hall
	8.15pm	Confirmation Class	The Vicarage
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
Wednesday		<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	
	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	2.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	10.30am	Mountbatten Lodge Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
	2.00pm	South Hill School Harvest Thanksgiving	St John's
Friday	12.30pm	Wedding: Kennedy Morgan and Samuel Taylor	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

## 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
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	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'

### 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:** Joshua Thomas James Geggie;

**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 McMorrin, 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:**

Jean Murphy	Funeral: Monday 2 October, 10.30am	Hemel Hempstead Crematorium
Peter Davis	Funeral: Thursday 12 October, 10.30am	Hemel Hempstead Crematorium
Carolyn Harris, Jim Herbert, Mike Ford, Janet Ridgeway (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.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL: TODAY:** As we give thanks to God for the Harvest we shall be sharing what resources we have been given with other people. 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. £18 will buy 3 chickens which in turn will produce 400 eggs a year between them, feeding a family and providing an income. Gifts will be collected after the Sermon at St John's.

**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 Just A Cappella at 2.00pm. Festival High Mass & Benediction at 4.00pm. All welcome.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Harvest Altar flowers have been sponsored by our Lay Reader, Carole Lewis to the glory of God and in heartfelt thanksgiving for her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow.

**CONTINUING NEXT WEEK - 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays). I hope this will be helpful. The Vicar

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Confirmation Classes begin on Monday 2 October, 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.

### **BEREAVEMENTS:**

- **PETER DAVIS RIP:** On Tuesday we learned of the passing of Peter Davis – husband to St Francis' regular and local historian, Eve. We send her and her family our love and prayers at this time of loss and sadness.
- **JANET RIDGEWAY, PRIEST RIP:** News has reached us that Janet – who helped cover services during the vacancy before our current vicar arrived – has died. She was a faithful minister of God's people. May she rest in peace.

**NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE:** It was announced last Sunday that Hilary will be leaving us at Christmas to take up a new post as Team Vicar with the Torridge Mission Community in north Devon. Hilary has been our Administrator for the last 5 years whilst also serving as Curate in Grovehill and Bourne End, and Associate Minister at Bovingdon. We wish her well in this new ministry. The search for her replacement in the Office now begins – please let the Vicar know if you know of any suitable candidates.

**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.

**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.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.

### **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.*