

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
10.00am	All Age 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
4.00pm	Annual Memorial Service	St John's

Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club "Donkey Tales" Speaker: Maggie Taylor	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary: Office and Requiem Mass	St Francis'
	8.15pm	Confirmation Class	
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	11.15am	Church Meeting: Hall Committee	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	8.30am	MaSJ: Unisound Music Making Day – Strings	St John's
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

## SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
9.30am	Parish Eucharist <i>with Act of Remembrance</i>	St John's
10.00am	Sung Mass <i>with Act of Remembrance</i>	St Francis'
10.50am	Civic & RBL Act of Remembrance	War Memorial
11.30am	Morning Worship <i>with Act of Remembrance</i>	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 being baptised today:** Evie Gwen Edmonds-Fahey, Oakley Peter Whittle and Layker Tony Whittle

**those who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Becky, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Catherine, Marion Cowe, Hugh Cumberland, Eve Davis, Jean Dawkins, Annetta Gray, Angela Green, 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:**

Our Lady, Queen of All Creation – Bennetts End area (RC), their leaders and congregation;

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

Philip Preston, Pauline Brookman;

### **those whose Years mind is this week: 5-11 November:**

Agatha Gardner (7.11.21), Robert Anderson (9.11.19).

## **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.

**TOGETHER ON MONDAY:** the talk this week is entitled Donkey Tales and the speaker is Maggie Taylor. We will also be collecting groceries for our hamper which will be raffled at the Countdown to Christmas Fayre. Di Tovey 263669

**GUILD OFFICE AND REQUIEM MASS:** This Monday, 8.00pm at St Francis', Fr Ben returns as Chaplain to the GSS. Music will include: Missa pro Defunctis – Plainsong, Magnificat - Dyson in C Minor, Pie Jesu – Faure. All welcome.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE:** Those seeking Confirmation continue their preparation this week. Names of candidates for your prayers will be shared next week when those still seeking have made their decision. Please hold this group of people in your prayers.

**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. There will be no Royal British Legion Service in church this year.

**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.

**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.

**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.*