

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 19 MAY

FEAST OF PENTECOST - WHITSUN

	8.00am	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
Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's
	11.15am	Church Meeting: Hall Committee	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Communications Committee	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by Coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Fundraising Committee	Parish Office/Zoom
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert & Lunch	St John's
	5.45pm	Junior Choir Practice	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall

SUNDAY 26 MAY

THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY – TRINITY SUNDAY

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
		<i>No Service at St Stephen's today</i>	

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

for peace between Israeli and Palestinian, and for the peoples of Ukraine;

those to be baptised next week: Sebastian Lyne

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Becky, Stewart Blake, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Rev David Brooke, Arthur Brown, John Birnie, Carl & Justine, Catherine, Marion Cowe, Hugh Cumberland, Jean Dawkins, Emily Gager, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Janice, Ken Farnborough, Kevin, Alan Kirtley, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Mary, Ann & Paul Meeder, Pamela, John Poole, Stanley Rose; Cathy & Trevor Stone;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Bery, Peter Clayton, Melissa Clayton, Val Darvill, Gill Dow, Eve Davis, Michele Finch, Pam French, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Paul Kessell-Holland, Sheila Lewis, Anne Lyne, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Gladys Mimer, Sharon & family, Steve Randall, Marion Roff, Jane Rombout, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Gill Williams, Christine Wilson, John Wilson, Mike Winch;

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:

Pentecost Sunday

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

Esther Mulcahy funeral: Wednesday 5 June, 1.00pm St John's
Jean Harries funeral: Tuesday 11 June, 2.00pm Chiltern's Crematorium
This will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at a later date.

those whose Years mind is this week: 19–25 May:

Steven Price (20.05.19), Marie Meset (21.05.23), John Andrews (23.05.21), Geoffrey Donovan (25.05.22), Barry Whittle (25.05.23).

PARISH NOTICES

LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK: Due to ongoing technical issue our Parish Eucharist will go out after the live service as a recording. We hope this will be later that afternoon but it may take up to 24 hours. Thank you for your understanding.

MESSY CHURCH: TODAY, 3.00–5.00pm, All Welcome. Explore the power of the Spirit given at Pentecost and the work the Church does through Christian Aid through craft, games, food and worship. No need to book – just come along. Perfect for all aged children.

EASTER CROSS: Thank you to everyone who has placed flowers on the cross outside St John's. It has been fabulous to see the instrument of shame and death become a symbol of life and hope in our community.

THY KINGDOM COME: Thank you to all who have taken part in this prayer initiative. Please continue to pray that through the power of God's Spirit more people will come to know Christ and forgiveness through him, and come and take their place within the Household of God.

PRAY HEMEL: The next Pray Hemel – when local Christians from all denominations come together to pray for the life of our Town – is on Saturday 1 June at Carey Baptist Church in Marlowes. 8.00am refreshments, 8.30–9.30am worship and prayer. All welcome.

MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE: Thank you to all who came and supported the Civic Service last week. Particular thanks to our choir and ICANE Foundation for their uplifting musical contributions.

TINY TOTS: Tiny Tots continues this Tuesday, 9.30–11.00am. All pre-school children welcome.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB: Our next meeting is TOMORROW, Monday 20 May. Guest Speaker: Emma Macey on her trekking adventures in the Himalayas. Hosted by Janet Packe and Yvonne Munford. All welcome.

CORPUS CHRISTI SERVICE & RECOMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Next Thursday, 30 May, we celebrate *Corpus Christi* - a day of thanksgiving for the institution of Holy Communion. During the Eucharist all those who currently help with the distribution of communion, and those who are about to undertake this ministry, are invited to be (re-)commissioned for this ministry. Refreshments will be served after this service. Please show your support for those who will undertake this special ministry once again in the parish.

CRICKET MATCH: A rematch against the Boxmoor Occasionals has been arranged for Sunday 23 June. Please let the Vicar know if you would like to play. The match this year will be on the Boxmoor Oval. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can enjoy a 'good' match with lots of Pimms on the boundary. Play will begin at 2.00pm.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD AGM: Monday 3 June at Belmont Baptist Church: 7.00pm, Refreshments; 7.30pm, Meeting including Reports, Worship, & Elections. For information contact chair@csth.org.uk

SJB 150th EXHIBITION: 27-30 June, St John's will host an Exhibition charting our common life over the first 150 years of our current church. Flowers, pictures, registers, stories will portray our story. If you/a family member/friend were baptised or married at St John's please send in your pictures to SJB150@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk or leave them in the Office to be displayed on a screen show. Please spread the word.

ECO CHURCH: Please remember to take a look at the eco church noticeboard at the back of church - there are some sustainable events coming up. Thanks, *The Eco Team*.

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.

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