

# NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER    SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – PARISH GIFT DAY**

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>Part 2: Sermon Series: God's Creation</i> <i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<i>St Francis'</i>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong:</b>	<i>observing The Holy Cross</i> <i>St John's</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play and Service	<i>St John's</i>
	11.00am	Church Meeting: Hall Committee	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	12.00noon	Burial of Ashes: Rex Merry	<i>St John's</i>
	2.00pm	Knit, Natter, & Sewing Group	<i>St John's</i>
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: PCC	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Wednesday	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>followed by Coffee</i> <i>St John's</i>
	11.00am	Burial of Ashes: Marie Brown & Violet Cooper	<i>Heath Lane Cemetery</i>
	3.00pm	Friendship Tea's	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Communications Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert & Lunch	<i>St John's</i>
		<i>Charis Sykesud violin &amp; Jack Redman piano</i>	
	5.45pm	Junior Choir Practice	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's Hall</i>

**SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER    SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>Part 3: Sermon Series: God's Creation</i> <i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<i>St Francis'</i>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<i>St Stephen's</i>

**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

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

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

**those with ongoing needs:** Richard Berry, John Bery, Peter Clayton, Marion Cowe, Sandy Cutts, Val Darvill, Gill Dow, Eve Davis, Ken Farmborough, Michele Finch, Pam French, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Paul Kessell-Holland, Sheila Lewis, Anne Lyne, 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:**

Our Hospitals – West Herts NHS Trust: Hemel Hempstead, St Albans, and Watford Hospitals & other nearby hospitals

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

Sheila Watts	funeral: Tuesday 24 September,	12noon	St John's
John Birnie	funeral: Tuesday 1 October,	12noon	St John's
Rex Merry - Priest, Odette Bery, Steve Norris			

**those whose Years mind is this week: 15-21 Sept**

Peter Davis (19.09.19).

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK:** We finally think we have cracked our technical issues with the Live Streaming. This week, we will therefore attempt to live stream our Parish Eucharist. If this fails, we will upload the recording after. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

**NEW OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER:** For the last few months we have experienced a technical fault with our Office telephone. This is now resolved and we have a new number. [01442 773990](tel:01442773990). Please add this to your contact details and erase the old number. Thank you.

**PARISH GIFT DAY:** TODAY is our Gift Day! Thank you to all our Parishioners who have made a gift to the life of the Church. If you are making a gift please use the envelope provided and either place it in the Offertory plate or come to St John's throughout today where your gift will be received and refreshments offered. This is always a courageous endeavour so please pray that God will bless this work. Thank you.

**CHORAL EVENSONG:** TONIGHT at 6.30pm, Choral Evensong returns. Music will include Smith's Responses, Canticles from Brewer's Evening Service in D, and a lovely anthem Crux Fidelis. All are welcome.

**SERMON SERIES:** Today, and next Sunday, we will continue our mini sermon series on God's Creation looking at how we can be better stewards of his creation, caring for the environment, and doing our part to reduce our carbon footprint. We shall be looking at the theology behind the eco-movement and what we can do as a Church and as individuals.

**TINY TOTS:** Great to see the children back at Tiny Tots with some new and familiar faces. All pre-school aged children are welcome to our Stay & Play, followed by a short service with action songs. 9.30–10.30am: Stay & play; 10.30am Service. No need to book.

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS:** THIS WEDNESDAY, 3.00–4.30pm, St John's Church Hall. We look forward to welcoming you for refreshments and a natter. Message from Wilf: *"We have not booked any outside speakers this month. Melissa and I look forward to seeing all of you there. As always, a massive thank you to everyone who helps with the setting up, loading the table, washing up, and most importantly, being company. May Christ watch over you, Wilf Stepto"*.

**ST JOHN'S LUNCH CLUB:** Our next lunch will be on Sunday 6 October, 12.30pm, in St John's Hall. A Sign-up sheet is at the back of Church. Spaces limited to 30 people so signing-up is essential. Everyone is welcome to sign-up.

**BIKE 'N' HIKE:** The annual Bike 'n' Hike took place yesterday. Thank you to all who took part and to those who welcomed people to our churches. If you sponsored Mark please make good on your intentions. Thanks.

**HARVEST:** On Sunday 6 October we shall once again be celebrating Harvest during our All Age Eucharist during which there will be a cash collection and a collection of produce. This will be preceded by a Quiz Evening on Saturday 5 October. For more info about the Quiz please contact Alan Munford to book your place/table. Tables are going quickly!

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:** A reminder we are in Fairtrade fortnight when Fairtrade produce is celebrated and championed (until Sunday 22 September). Please see leaflets at the back of church. If you can buy Fairtrade it helps the farmers and workers get a fair price for their produce.

**MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB:** Congratulations to the winners of the August Music Percentage Club draw: 1<sup>st</sup>, Job Rombout, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sheila James, £8; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lorraine Ioannou, £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.'

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES:** The Diocese of St Albans is advertising for two part-time administrators to work with the Education Team at Holywell Lodge BASED IN St Albans. Further details are available on our website at <https://www.stalbandsdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>

**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.

**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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