

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

	8.00am	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
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play and Service	St John's
	12 noon	Funeral: John Birnie	St John's
	7.30pm	HSO Rehearsal	St John's
Wednesday	8.20am	Lockers Park Harvest Service	Lockers Park School Chapel
	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by Coffee	St John's
	2.00pm	The Lodge Communion	The Lodge
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	11.00am	Mountbatten Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
	2.00pm	South Hill School Harvest Service	St John's
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert & Lunch	St John's
		Just A Cappella vocal group	
	5.30pm	Junior Choir Practice	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall
Saturday	2.00pm	Burial of Ashes: Jaqueline White	St John's
	7.30pm	Quiz Evening	St John's

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER HARVEST FESTIVAL

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist sung by the Junior Choir Guest President & Preacher: The Bishop of St Albans	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion Guest President & Preacher: The Bishop of St Albans	St Stephen's
	12.30pm	Lunch Club	St John's Hall
	3.00pm	Burial of Ashes: Jean Ashburner	St John's

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:

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:

John Birnie funeral: Tuesday 1 October, 12noon St John's
Steve Norris, Sheila Watts

those whose Years mind is this week: 29 Sept -5 October

Pauline Campbell (29.09.23), Nicholas Erith (01.10.21), Cecelia Brown (02.10.21),

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.

PARISH GIFT DAY: Last Sunday we held our Parish Gift Day. Throughout the day (and beforehand) gifts were made to the Church to help us build on our 150 year story going into the future. I am thrilled to say that **over £6500** (including GiftAid) has been received which is tremendous. Thank you for all your gifts, prayers, and help in enabling this. *Fr Mike.*

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.

HARVEST: NEXT SUNDAY we shall be celebrating Harvest. During our All Age Eucharist there will be a cash collection For the Bishop's Harvest Appeal: *Thrive: Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture in Sr Lanka* and a Produce Collection for DENS – please see their 'high needs list' for an idea of what they really need. We shall also be welcoming Bishop Alan, our Diocesan Bishop as president and preacher at both St John's and St Stephen's. 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. Only 1 table left!

ST JOHN'S LUNCH CLUB: Last chance to sign up for Sunday lunch on Sunday 6 October, 12.30pm at St John's. Places are limited.

SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE: FEEL THE SPIRIT: Sunday 20 October, 6.30pm, St John's Church. *Feel the Spirit* is a cycle of seven familiar spirituals expertly arranged by John Rutter for mezzo-soprano solo, mixed choir, and chamber ensemble. The vivid and expressive arrangements showcase the rich heritage of the spiritual. The work brings new life to such well-loved titles as *Steal away, I got a robe*, and *When the saints go marching in*. This is certainly a service not to miss!

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the August Music Percentage Club draw: 1st, Job Rombout, £15; 2nd, Sheila James, £8; 3rd, 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.'

CARBON FOOTPRINT CALCULATOR: During the Vicar's sermon a couple of weeks' ago he mentioned how we can calculate our carbon footprint. To do so, please follow this link: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

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.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>

STAMPS: We have now found a new outlet for stamps so we are collecting again. Speak to Alan Munford for details.

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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