

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist <i>sung by the Junior Choir</i> <i>President & Preacher: The Bishop of St Albans</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion <i>President & Preacher: The Bishop of St Albans</i>	St Stephen's
	12.30pm	St John's Lunch Club <i>Pre-booking essential</i>	St John's Hall
	3.00pm	Burial of Ashes: Jean Ashburner	St John's
Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play and Service	St John's
	2.00pm	Knitting, Sewing, and Craft Group	St John's
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Finance Committee	Zoom
Wednesday	2.00pm	Holy Communion <i>followed by Coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert & Lunch <i>The Bolling Quartet</i>	St John's
	5.30pm	Junior Choir Practice	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR *(Twentieth Sunday after Trinity)*

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist <i>No morning service at St Francis' today</i>	St John's
	11.00am	ST FRANCIS' OPEN DAY BEGINS <i>(see over for details)</i>	
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
<u>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI</u> <i>(tr)</i>	4.00pm	Patronal Sung High Mass and Benediction <i>Guest preacher: The Right Reverend Rob Wickham</i>	St Francis'

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, Gill Williams, 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, Steve Randall, Marion Roff, Jane Rombout, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Christine Wilson, John Wilson, Mike Winch;

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:

St Barnabas Church, Adeyfield – for Matt their Vicar, the PCC, their work in the community and this Deanery;

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

Steve Norris, John Birnie

those whose Years mind is this week: 6–12 October

Valerie Smith (07.10.20), Barbara Adams (07.10.21), Agatha Gardener (07.10.21), Diane Proctor (08.10.19), Joyce Baker (09.10.21), Norman Stanley (10.10.19), Jean Burgess (11.10.19),

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Today 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 also welcome Bishop Alan, our Diocesan Bishop, as president and preacher at both St John's and St Stephen's. Thank you to all who attended and took part in the Quiz Evening last night.

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 **nearly £7000** (including GiftAid) has been received which is tremendous. Thank you for all your gifts, prayers, and help in enabling this. *Fr Mike*.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Harvest Altar Flowers have been given by Sue and Arthur Brown in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary on 4 October. Congratulations Sue and Arthur.

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.

ST FRANCIS OPEN DAY: NEXT SUNDAY – The Congregation at St Francis' are opening their doors for an Open Day. During which there will be live music, refreshments, stalls and a raffle. Doors open at 11.00am therefore there will be no morning service at St Francis next week. The day will close with Patronal High Mass and Benediction at 4.00pm where we give thanks for the example of St Francis and for the work and ministry of his name-sake church in this community. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Rob Wickham as our guest preacher for this special occasion. All are welcome to pop-along for some or all of the day – pass on the invite!

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!

DACORUM INTERFAITH NETWORK: On Monday 14 October, 7.30pm, at The Friends Meeting House, Hemel Old Town, HP2 5ZB, shall be welcoming Anna Foster, a Trustee of the charity Citizens Advice Dacorum, to give a talk on "What are the biggest challenges that Dacorum residents face in the cost-of-living crisis? How can we help?" Everyone welcome to attend – a real chance to see how different faith communities are working together to help everyone in this community. For more info contact Eileen, 01442 216768.

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.'

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.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: If you wish to receive the weekly Newsletter by Email please send your Email address to stjohnchurchnews@btinternet.com and you will be added to the distribution list.

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