

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT – *Safeguarding Sunday*

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	Deanery Confirmation Service with Baptism	Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green
Monday	10.00am	Funeral: Laurie Wishart	St John's
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's
	12.00pm	Funeral: Trisha Watson	St John's
	2.00pm	Knitting, natter, sewing, and craft group	St John's
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	11.30am	Funeral: Michael Eaton	St John's
	3.00pm	Friendship Teas	St John's Hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	11.30am	Holy Communion Mountbatten Lodge	Mountbatten Lodge
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall
Saturday	10.00am	COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE	St John's

## SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING – *Sunday next before Advent*

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	3.00pm	Messy Church	St John's Hall

### OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

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

those to be Confirmed today: Ethan Lockwood, Wilf Stepto;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Becky, Stewart Blake, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Rev David Brooke, Arthur Brown, Carl & Justine, Hugh Cumberland, Jean Dawkins, Angela English, Emily Gager, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Janice, Kevin, Alan Kirtley, Alex Labern, Pamela Macey, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Mary, Ann & Paul Meeder, John Poole, Mavis Rhoden, 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:

Street Pastors – A Christian Presence late night on the street, offering reassurance and help.

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

Jill Moore                      Funeral:              Wednesday 27 November              12.00 noon              St John's Church  
Laurie Wishart, Trish Watson, Michael Eaton;

those whose Years mind is this week: 17 – 23 November:

Alan French (20.11.20), Margaret Cooper (21.11.21), Ihsaan 'Sonny' Khan (23.11.19).

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE:** THIS EVENING, 6.30pm, 2 members of our Church family are to confirm their faith in Jesus Christ during a special Eucharist with Confirmation and Holy Baptism at Holy Trinity Church, Leverstock Green, led by Bishop Jane. Your prayers and support for these young people would be greatly appreciated. All are welcome to this service.

**SAFEGUARDING SURVEY:** As part of Safeguarding Sunday on 17 November, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Rosie Akeroyd, will be speaking at St John's and St Stephen's about Safeguarding in the church, and speaking at St Francis' on 15 December. We are also running a survey to find out what you think about the culture at our churches and whether there are things we can improve. The survey will run for two weeks from the day Rosie delivers the talk so, if you attend either St John's or St Stephen's, the survey will run from Sunday 17 November to Sunday 1 December and, if you attend St Francis', it will run from Sunday 15 to 29 December. You can access the survey here: <https://forms.gle/Bz9NkPu7CwYXn21D7>. It has 20 questions and is anonymous. We would appreciate as many people as possible completing it so that we get as full a picture as possible, and some of the questions can be answered even if it is the first time you have come to church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers this week commemorate St Cecilia's Feast Day and are given by Katherine and Jonathan Cox in loving memory of their daughter, Emily.

**TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB:** The next meeting is tomorrow night, Monday 18 November, 7.45pm. Guest Speaker: Chris Lyne, on "How we can eradicate global extreme poverty". Chris has worked for over 14 years in overseas aid. He is currently Director of Communications & External Engagement at one of the world's largest International Development organisations. Hosted by Brenda Clarke and Kieran Stone.

**TINY TOTS:** 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.

**COUNTDOWN-TO-CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Saturday 23 November: Boxes are now available at the back of Church to bring donations of items for sale. Please look out for our separate flyers sharing what sorts of items and help we need the most, with updates each week.

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP:** We are planning a Christmas jumper swap at the Christmas Fayre on 23 November - please bring your Christmas jumpers to swap, or give away Free. Children's, baby's, etc. Thank you. Dee Fisher

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD:** Help is needed to distribute our Parish Christmas Card to the houses of the Parish. Please sign-up and help share with this community service times for our Christmas services. The list to sign up is at the back of St John's. The cards will be ready for collection and delivery very soon.

**TICKETS FOR CHRISTINGLE SERVICES:** Once again we will be issuing FREE TICKETS to these services on Christmas Eve. These can be obtained from our Website from Sunday 1 December. Please share with family and friends – these services are very popular and tend to "sell out" very quickly.

**OCTOBER MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB:** Congratulations to the winners of the October Music Percentage Club draw; 1<sup>st</sup>: Noel James, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Job Rombout, £8; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sheila James, £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 Office is currently advertising for two roles – Diocesan Director of Education, and Church Growth Officer. Further details on our website on the links below:

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/directorofeducation/> <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/cgo/>

**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.

**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.

**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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