

**ST FRANCIS PATRONAL FESTIVAL: 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm at St Francis.**

**PRAY HEMEL – at St John's – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – see enclosed flyer and sign up at the back of church if you can help.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Choral Evensong at St John's**

**QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 14 October.** -see poster at the back of church. Tickets are now on sale for tables of 8 – price £10 per person including supper – 6 tables sold already, so only 4 left. Contact me if you would like to book a table, or join with others to make up a table. Many thanks. Alan Munford (01442 242543).

**Organ Percentage Club Update:** Congratulations to our August Draw Winners; Sheila James 1st £15; Lilian Ibbett 2nd £8; Gina Harbour 3rd £4. If you would like to join the Organ Percentage Club and support MASJ in this way there are entry forms in the church or feel free to call me on 01442 230399 or see me in church. Mark Harbour - on behalf of MASJ.

**SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS CHILD APPEAL.** The campaign has started and I have boxes available ready to assemble (50p) or you may cover your own, and fill them with small gifts for needy children abroad at Christmas. Leaflets giving details are available on the table at the back of church. 5<sup>th</sup> November is the last day to hand in the boxes. Thank you – Jane Tel: 214441.

**GRAND DRAW AT COUNTDOWN-TO-CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Since Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July the PCC have been asking electoral roll members to sell Grand Draw tickets to friends and family. Please help with this fundraising initiative. Tickets are also available for all members of the congregation. Thank you.

**Last Night of the Proms Supper.** A big thank you to Lorraine and Di and helpers for the supper and to Ian Packe for the technological expertise. Everyone present had a wonderful evening with much singing and flag waving.

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**NEXT SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15**

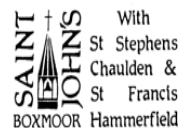
**Services at St John's:**       **8.00am Holy Communion**  
                                          **9.30am Parish Eucharist**  
**Service at St Stephen's:**   **11.15am Holy Communion**  
**Service at St Francis:**       **10.00am Sung Mass**  
                                          **6.30pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction**

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**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** for next Sunday's newsletter in writing please to **Annie Mitchell** by **Tuesday (maximum length 4 lines of A5)**. If separate flyers are to be produced, please let Annie know. **Items for inclusion should now be emailed to:** [newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk).

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# NEWSLETTER

No. 3667

17th September 2017

## **TRINITY 14**

### **Services at St John's**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

**9.30am Parish Eucharist**

**Hymns 4, 365, 264, 214 – red book**  
**2 – yellow book**

*Anthem: God so loved the world: Stainer*

**6.30pm Taizé Service**

### **Service at St Stephen's**

**Chaulden**

**11.15am Holy Communion**

### **Services at St Francis**

**Hammerfield**

**10.00am Sung Mass**

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

<b>Daily:</b> 8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
<b>MONDAY</b>	7.30pm Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing
	7.45pm Together on Monday (hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am Tiny Tots (hall & church)
	6.30pm Baptism & Wedding Enquiries – Parish Office
	7.30pm Fayre Meeting (Children's Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.30am Holy Communion, followed by coffee
	5.30pm Evening Prayer <b>at St Francis</b>
	8.00pm MASJ Board Meeting (Children's Room)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9.30am Morning Worship <b>at St Stephen's</b>
	6.30pm Wedding Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	12.30pm Lunchtime Concert: Karen Court ( <i>piano</i> )
	6.15pm Choir Practice (trebles)
	7.00pm Choir Practice (adults)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am Church open – coffee
	2.30pm Wedding

**Details of next Sunday's Services are on the back of the newsletter**

**Please take this Newsletter home with you as a reminder**  
**of those who have asked for your prayers and events you may wish to attend**

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** St Benedicts, Bennetts End

**those who are to be married on Saturday** Leigh Harris and William Johnston

**those who are ill:** Rory Wilson, Cor Lan, Sally-Anne Bates, Steve Hanwell, Dorothy Freeman, Pamela Macey, Pauline Webb, Bob Croxford, Fiona Rock, Ann Frogley, David Jarman, Shetha Henderson, Kayleigh Reeve, Beryl King, Arthur Fanning, R1uth Merry, Enid Jarrett, Evelyn Brown;

**those with ongoing needs:** Margaret Gunning, Jean Stevens, David Stevens, Jayne Taylor, Mary Willis, Jean Harries, Jim Taylor, David Mitchell, Reg Farmborough, Jenson Galloway, Brian Laidlaw, Anne Hosier, Julian Wood Joyce Graham, Jana Pick;

*Prayers for others with ongoing needs are offered at our weekday services. If you wish only to be remembered at Morning and Evening Prayer, please contact the vicar.*

**those who have died:**

Betty Cates, Crouchfield (Funeral 19<sup>th</sup> September)

**and we pray for their families and friends.**

**Year's Mind** (17<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> September): Joyce Rogers (19.9.2015), Vi North (23.9.2012), Diana Browne (23.9.2014), Diane Foster (23.9.2015).

## **TODAY**

**READINGS at St John's:**

Copies of readings (including large print) are available from the sidespeople.

**We welcome** Ken Martlew as our organist at 9.30am today. The voluntary after the service will be Fantasia in G minor by J.S.Bach.

**Taizé Evening Service:** At 6.30pm today - an informal, contemplative, and reflective Service of silence and chant to enter into God's presence. Come and see for yourself, actively listening for the voice of God.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS.** Many thanks to those who gave so generously to the Bucket Collection last Sunday in response to the Bishop's Appeal. The bucket will be available after the services again today for those who missed the opportunity to give last week.

**THE VICAR** is now on extended study-leave until Advent. if you need to speak to a priest, please contact the Curate.

**PARISH MAGAZINES:** The September Magazine is now available at the back of church.

**NEWSLETTER:** Please note the email address for any items for the newsletter is now [newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk). Thank you.

## **THIS WEEK**

**Service of Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing:** We welcome Fr. Richard Leslie to our Service on **Monday at 7.30pm** in the Chapel. If you would like someone prayed for by name at this service, please print it clearly in the appropriate red folder on the table at the back of church – all are very welcome to join us in praying for those who especially need our prayers at this time.

**'TOGETHER ON MONDAY'** meets on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm in the hall when our speaker will be talking about the Samaritan's Purse (shoe boxes) that many of us fill each year. All welcome.

**COUNTDOWN-TO-CHRISTMAS FAYRE MEETING:** We are holding a meeting on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm** in the Children's Room to prepare for our Fayre in November. Everyone interested and all ideas are very welcome.

The Autumn Series of **LUNCHTIME CONCERTS** starts on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** with a **Piano Recital** given by **Karen Court**. Karen is a local musician so please come along and support her. Entrance to the concert which starts at **12.30pm** is a suggested donation of £3 and a light lunch (£2) is available after the concert in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**SOLEMN EVENSONG WITH SERMON AND BENEDICTION – 6.30pm at St Francis, Hammerfield** – a service of music, prayer and scripture readings ending with a time of devotion in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and see for yourselves, actively watching and waiting in the presence of Christ.

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE** the appointment of **Keith Beniston** as our new **Organist and Director of Music**. Formerly Director of Music at Westminster Central Hall, Keith is known to the choir as he has been assisting with choir practice since Linden's departure. He will officially begin his duties in the new year, but will be seen occasionally before then.

**MICHAELMAS:** High Mass at St Francis – 28<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Supper 6.30 for 7pm** in St John's Hall Tickets £5.50 (under 12's £2.50) to include a three course meal and glass of wine followed by entertainment from the choir and others. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to attend. If you would like to be involved with the entertainment please speak to Fr Ben and if you require transport please indicate on the sign up sheet.



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October: 9.30am Harvest All Age Parade Eucharist** with gifts for DENS and collection for Christian Aid. (Please bring gifts in shoe box and/or Gift Aid any money). See enclosed flyer for further details of suggestions for gifts.