

NEXT SUNDAY: 24 MARCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Services at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Evensong and Benediction <i>Eve of the Annunciation of Our Lord</i>
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Holy Communion

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BREXIT PRAYER:

A prayer for our community, country, and leaders in these uncertain times:

God of reconciling hope;
as you guided your people in the past,
guide us through the turmoil of the present time
and bring us to that place of flourishing
where our unity can be restored,
the common good served,
and all shall be made well.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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

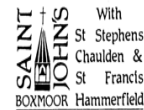
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PARISH MAGAZINE: Please note that the deadline for articles for the **May 2019** magazine, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 7 April**. You can email direct to magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk (A5 format please), or leave in pigeonhole in church or deliver direct to 27 Beechfield Road. Sally-Anne Bates, Editor. Tel: 266912.

*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*

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NEWSLETTER

17 March 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist <i>Hymns: 331, 237, 148</i> <i>Yellow Book: 27, 57</i> <i>Responsorial Psalm: 27</i> <i>Anthem: Purcell – Thou knowest Lord</i> <i>Voluntary: Bach – Prelude in B minor</i>
11.30am	Holy Baptism
6.30pm	Taize Service

Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden

11.15am Morning Worship

Service at St Francis, Hammerfield

10.00am Sung Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 18 - 23 March

Daily:	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
MONDAY	2.00pm	Knitting Circle (19 Beechwood Park)
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club (St John's Hall) – Quiz Night
	8.00pm	Lent Course 2: <i>The Gifts of the Spirit... in the life of Jesus</i>
TUESDAY	9.30am	Tiny Tots Stay & Play & Service (Hall & Church)
ST JOSEPH OF NAZARETH	8.00pm	Church meetings: Communications Committee (Hall 1) Finance Committee (Hall 2)
WEDNESDAY	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
	10.00am	Lent Course 1: <i>The Gifts of the Spirit... In the life of Jesus</i>
FRIDAY	5.30pm	Junior Choir (St John's Hall 1)
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (St John's Hall 1)
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	7.00pm	Concert: Aeolian Singers – "The Voyage"

Details of next Sunday Services are on the back of the Newsletter

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: The Foodbank – for those who help and those being helped.

those to be Baptised today: Edith Rae Parker

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Catherine Keppel, Beryl King, Samuel and James Lockyer, Godfrey Rock, Marion Roff, Pauline Webb, Daniel Williams;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, Sheila Charge, Doreen Chilton, Margaret Delph, Angela Green, Andrew Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Brian Laidlaw, Ruth Merry, David Stevens, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Christine Wilson, Rory Wilson, Mike Winch;

Prayers for others with ongoing needs are offered at our weekday services.

If you wish to be remembered at Morning and Evening Prayer only, please contact the vicar.

those who have died:

Edwin Vaughan-O'Hagan, Joan Ibbett, Jean Millington,
Tracey Steel funeral: 2 April, 1.00pm at St John's

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (17-23 March):

Ivy Dunnett (17.3.18), Barry Hooker (17.3.18), Janet Anderson (17.3.17), Joan Hands (17.3.15), Ron Dunnett (17.3.15), Bridget Arthur (20.3.18).

TODAY

Copies of today's readings (including large print) are available at the back of each church.

During Lent we shall observe 5 minutes quiet before the Parish Eucharist. A Responsorial Psalm shall also be sung during the Eucharist.

We welcome Ken Martlew to the Organ bench at St John's this morning, and Paul Davies this evening.

THIS WEEK

LENT COURSE: The Gifts of the Spirit... Our Lent Course continues on **Monday evenings:** 7.30pm Eucharist, 8pm course session at St John's or **Thursday mornings:** 9.30am Eucharist, 10am course session at St Stephens. **This week: The Gifts of the Spirit... in the life of Jesus.** Each session lasts about an hour.

THE KNITTING CIRCLE: meeting on Monday at 2.00pm will now be at 19 Beechwood Park, the home of Sue Horsnell. Let me know if you need a lift. Jean Garner.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: are having a quiz this week. Our quiz master will be Alan Munford. Di Tovey 263669.

SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION OF THE ANNUNCIATION: Next Sunday evening, 6.30pm at St Francis, an opportunity to reflect upon, and give thanks for Mary's acceptance of God's call that she would be the mother of our Lord. All welcome.

PARISH NOTICES

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP: The book is available at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor the flowers in memory of someone for a particular week.

A NEW ELECTORAL ROLL is to be created during the run up to the 2019 APCM. For the first time in six years, this will be a full replacement of the existing roll so if you wish to be able to vote at the APCM, you will need to complete a new application form. These are available by the main doors of all our three churches. More details are on page 8 of the February Parish Magazine. Ian Packe, email: electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk.

APCM: Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 7 April**. This will follow-on from a combined Parish Eucharist – *there will be no services at St Francis or St Stephen's that morning*. During the Meeting we will need to elect our Churchwardens, 6 members to the PCC, and ratify the list of people who help as sidespersons. Is the Spirit calling you to serve your brothers and sisters in Christ as a sidesperson, Churchwarden, or member of the PCC?

Reports will be posted on our website and a few hardcopies will be available at the back of each church next week.

LENTEN CHANGE: The BCP Holy Communion at 8.00am on Sunday mornings is to take place in the Lady Chapel of St John's during Lent. If other commitments prevent you coming to your usual Sunday morning service you might like to give this short, quiet service a try.

FEET REQUIRED: Please would you consider having a foot washed as part of the Maundy Thursday evening Liturgy. This beautiful and moving act reminds us that we are all servants of Christ and of our duty to love and care for one another. Please see the Vicar if interested.

EASTER CARD PARISH DELIVERY: Please sign up at the back of St John's to deliver the Easter Cards around the village and surrounding areas. There are 41 walks for you to choose from. Cards will be available in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

LENT LUNCH: There will be a Christian Aid "Bowl of Soup" lunch held in the Hall from 12.30pm to 1.30pm on Friday April 5.

SUNDAY 24 MARCH – GADE VALLEY HARRIERS MARATHON TRAINING RUN:

Parking next week might be an issue due to the planned training run. If you are finding it difficult, the car park in Park Road is the nearest and cheapest pay & display to St John's. Sorry for any inconvenience.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS: The organisers, Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead, urgently require a First Aider to volunteer to be on duty for this event. Without one this important act of witness will not be able to take place. Any offers?

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB UPDATE: Congratulations to our February Draw Winners; Robert Ross 1st £15, Sheila James 2nd £8, Garth Bridgwood 3rd £4. If you would like to join the Music Percentage Club and support MASJ in this way then there are Entry forms in the church or feel free to call me on 01582 841019 or see me in church.

Mark Harbour - on behalf of MASJ'

REAL EASTER EGGS will be on sale in church on Sunday mornings from next week. They contain the story of Easter. MilkChocolate £4, dark chocolate £5.