

## NEXT SUNDAY: 31 MARCH

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	All-Age Parade Service <i>Attended by our uniformed organisations and the Junior Choir</i>
	6.30pm	Compline
Service at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Morning Worship



### 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](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

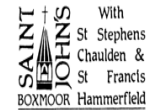
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PARISH MAGAZINE: Please note that the deadline for articles for the **May 2019** magazine, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 7 April**. You can email direct to [magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) (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

24 March 2019

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist

*Hymns: 72, 214*

*Yellow Book: 3, 22, 9*

*Responsorial Psalm: 63: 1-9*

*Anthem: Farrant – Lord for thy tender mercy's sake*

*Voluntary: Lizst – Fugue from Ad nos, ad salutarem undam*

#### Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden

11.15am Holy Communion

#### Services at St Francis, Hammerfield

10.00am Sung Mass

6.30pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction  
of the Annunciation

### THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 25 - 30 March

*Daily: 8.45am Morning Prayer 5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)*

#### THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

<b>MONDAY</b>	7.30pm	Holy Communion
	8.00pm	Lent Course 3: <i>The Gifts of the Spirit... promised to all</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am	Tiny Tots Stay & Play & Service (Hall & Church)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00am	Prayers for healing
	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	11.30am	Burial of Ashes: Marie-Anne Holmes-Walker
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
	10.00am	Lent Course 3: <i>The Gifts of the Spirit... promised to all</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7.00pm	Choir Practice (St John's Hall 1)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	7.30pm	Concert: Hemel Hempstead Symphony Orchestra

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

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** St Thomas, Grovehill (Indian Orthodox)

**those who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Michele Finch, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Samuel and James Lockyer, 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, Catherine Keppel, Brian Laidlaw, Ruth Merry, Godfrey Rock, 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:**

Tracey Steel funeral: 2 April, 1.00pm at St John's

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

**Years mind (24-30 March):**

Barrie Linklater (24.3.2017), Scott Shaw (25.3.2016), Michael West (27.3.2018), Philip Moore (27.3.2015), Pauline Lane (29.3.2018), Violet Parkinson (29.3.2018), Rosemary Croxford (29.3.2017).

## 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** Nicholas King to the Organ bench at St John's this morning

**Solemn Evensong and Benediction of the Annunciation:** this 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.

## 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... promised to all.** Each session lasts about an hour.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Next Sunday we shall give thanks to God for our mothers, mother Church, and mother creation (as it is sometimes called!). During the Service posies will be distributed. The Parish and Junior Choirs will be singing during the service, attended by our uniformed organisations.

**DON'T FORGET ...** CLOCKS go FORWARD one hour NEXT SUNDAY

## PARISH NOTICES

**EASTER CARD PARISH DELIVERY:** These cards are now available at the back of St John's to deliver around the village and surrounding areas. There are 41 walks for you to choose from. Please sign the list to say you have taken the bundle. Thank you.

**REAL EASTER EGGS** will be on sale at the back of church from this Sunday. Knitted rabbits and ducks with cream eggs will be on sale from next Sunday.

**SPRING IS HERE** and we need more Church Cleaners. If you only have One hour spare per month please spend it in YOUR CHURCH. We have a Thursday afternoon Group, we have a Thursday evening Group for those that work. We have two Friday morning Groups. You do not have to Hoover, you can dust, tidy, clean kitchen area. There is a Book to sign so in fact if you just wish to pop into Church and do a little that's possible as well. **YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!** Val Darvill, 01442 258761 or email valerie.darvill@gmail.com

**NEW 2019 ELECTORAL ROLL:** Thanks to the many of you who have registered to be included in the new roll. A draft of the 2019 Roll is available for inspection at each of our three churches. If you find any errors please let me know as soon as possible so that a corrected roll is available for the APCM. Many thanks, Ian Packe, Electoral Roll Officer tel. 01442 214126 or email, electoraroll@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 from today.

**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.

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

**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?

**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.