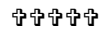


NEXT SUNDAY: 7 APRIL

PASSION SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Combined Parish Eucharist followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting
	6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion with hymns

No Services at St Francis or St Stephen's.



The daffodils today are sponsored by Marian Davies in memory of her mother, Madeline.

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

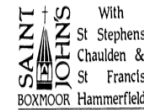
Newsletter by email. You can receive a copy of this Newsletter every week by email. Send
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PARISH MAGAZINE: Please note that the deadline for articles for the **May 2019** magazine,
including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **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

31 March 2019

MOTHERING SUNDAY (LENT 4)

Services at St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am All-Age Parade Service

Hymns: 422, 394, 205

Yellow Book: 53, 38, 39

Responsorial Psalm: 34

Anthem: Mark Burrows – Little things

6.30pm Compline

Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden

11.15am Holy Communion

Services at St Francis, Hammerfield

10.00am Sung Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 1 – 6 April

Daily:	<i>8.45am Morning Prayer</i>	<i>5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)</i>
MONDAY	11.30am	Holy Communion at Mountbatten Lodge
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club (Hall)
	8.00pm	Lent Course 4: <i>The Gifts of the Spirit... many and varied – bearing fruit</i>
TUESDAY	9.30am	Tiny Tots Stay & Play & Service (Hall & Church)
	1.00pm	Funeral – Tracey Steel
	8.00pm	Church Meetings: Fundraising Committee (Hall 1) Social Committee (Hall 2)
WEDNESDAY	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
	10.00am	Lent Course 4: <i>The Gifts of the Spirit... many and varied – bearing fruit</i>
FRIDAY	12.30pm	Christian Aid "Bowl of Soup" Lent Lunch (Hall)
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (St John's Hall 1)
SATURDAY	8.00am	Pray Hemel – Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill
	10.00am	Coffee Morning

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St Paul's Church, Highfield (Anglican)

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Michele Finch, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Samuel and James Lockyer, 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, Marion Roff, 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
Ann Nash, Gillian Langston

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (31 March – 6 April):

Peter Ewart-Brookes (1.4.2018), May Davies (3.4.2014), Derek Peters (5.4.2015),
Marion Stillman (6.4.2016).

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.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Community Prayer, 5.00pm-6.30pm at Liberty Tea Rooms.

THANK YOU to the Guides and our Flower arrangers for making the posies to be distributed today. Super effort and much appreciated.

EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT – COMPLINE: 'A quiet and perfect end' to the day. A simple, short, service of prayer and meditation. 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... many and varied – bearing fruit.**

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

NEXT SUNDAY

APCM: Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held next **Sunday 7 April**. This will follow-on from a combined Parish Eucharist – *there will be no services at St Francis or St*

Stephen's. 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 have been posted on our website and a few hardcopies are available at the back of each church.

PARISH NOTICES

BUCKET COLLECTION FOR THE DEC CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL: There will be a bucket collection after the 9.30am service today and next Sunday towards the Disasters Emergency Committee's appeal for aid for the survivors of the African Cyclone.

NUMBERED ENVELOPES 2019/20: Supplies of new numbered weekly giving envelopes are now available at the back of St John's for those undertaking Planned Giving in this way. The weekly envelopes are LIGHT BLUE and cover the year 7.4.2019 –5.4.2020. If anyone wishes to join the numbered envelope scheme please speak to our Treasurer Chris Angell at St John's or call him on 01442 244158.

PARISH MAGAZINE: The April magazine is now available at the back of church. Distributors please collect your bundles from near the font, and the very few remaining subscriptions be paid to me ASAP. Many thanks, Alan Munford.

EASTER CARD PARISH DELIVERY: Now available at the back of St John's to deliver around the village and surrounding areas. There are only 2 walks not signed for. If you have signed for but not taken your cards please do so this week.

REAL EASTER EGGS are on sale at the back of church this Sunday and also knitted rabbits and ducks with cream eggs.

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.

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: Join us in worship during this most Holy Week. Details of all our Services can be found online, in the magazine, on the Easter Cards and on posters. Fun for children as well as serious reflection. If you are going away for Easter please find your nearest church to make your Easter Communion.