

## NEXT SUNDAY: 3 MARCH

### SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	All-Age Eucharist
	11.30am	Holy Baptism
	6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion with hymns
Services at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Morning Worship

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### FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

The Altar flowers last weekend were sponsored by Marion Penfold in loving memory of John who passed away 10 March 2017. Thank you for the memories. Marion and family.

The Altar flowers this weekend are sponsored by Roger Taylor to commemorate his mother's death on 27 February 2015, Doris Margaret Taylor.

**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 your email address to stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk and you will be added to the distribution list.

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** Please note that the deadline for articles for the **April 2019** magazine, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 3 March**. 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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### SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

#### Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist

*Hymns: 104, 144, 196, 292,*

*Yellow Book: 21.*

*Anthem: Rutter –All things Bright and Beautiful*

*Voluntary: Cesar Franck - Chorale no. 3 in A minor*

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

**11.15am Holy Communion**

#### Service at St Francis, Hammerfield

**10.00am Sung High Mass & Lunch**

*President & Preacher: The Bishop of Richborough*

**6.30pm Evensong and Benediction**

### THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 25 February – 2 March

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

<b>MONDAY</b>	7.30pm	Holy Communion
	8.00pm	Communications Committee (Special meeting) (H2)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am	Tiny Tots Stay & Play & Service (Hall & Church)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00am	Prayers for healing
	10.30am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Hall 1)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	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:** Liberty Tea Room – a Christian presence in the heart of our town;

**those who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Catherine Keppel, Beryl King, Samuel and James Lockyer, Pauline Webb;

**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, 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:**

Iris Grover,

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

**Years mind (24 February – 2 March):**

Marjorie Hunt (24.2.2018), Alan Craddock 25.2.2016), Alwyn Brodrick (25.2.2017), Ernest Fletcher (25.2.2017), Baby Saskia (26.2.2018), Ann Frogley (26.2.2018), Doris Taylor (27.2.2015)

## TODAY

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

**We welcome** Ken Martlew to the Organ bench at St John's this morning.

**We welcome** The Right Reverend Norman Banks, Bishop of Richborough, to St Francis this morning.

## THIS WEEK

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Praying for Slovenia – A Service for Everyone.** Friday 1 March, 11.00am at Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill (behind the Henry Wells shops HP2 6BJ).

**DEANERY SYNOD OPEN MEETING:** this Tuesday, 8.00pm at St Mary's Church, Old Town. The main agenda item is "Local Policing and Emergency Planning – how the churches can help". Speakers will include Chief Inspector Paul Mitson, the local police chaplain, and Canon John Williams (major incident convenor for Hertfordshire).

## NEXT WEEK

**PALM CROSSES:** To prepare the ash for Ash Wednesday please would you return your Palm Cross from last year to St John's to be burned after the All Age Eucharist next Sunday. Thank you.

**JUNIOR CHOIR:** Our Junior Choir will help lead our singing next week. This will be their first Sunday singing as a choir. Please give them all the support and encouragement you can.

**PANCAKE PARTY:** Shrove Tuesday (5 March), 4.00-5.30pm for under 12s. Games, pancakes races, quizzes, and of course pancakes to eat. £1 per child. Please sign-up at the back of church to give an indication of numbers for catering purposes.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday 6 March

I strongly encourage you to come to one of our celebrations of the Eucharist to mark the beginning of Lent and our journeying with Christ towards his death and resurrection. All welcome.

10.30am BCP Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes – St John's

8.00pm Sung Parish Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes – St John's

## PARISH NOTICES

**LENT COURSE: The Gifts of the Spirit....** Our Lent Course this year will take place over 5 weeks starting in the week beginning **11 March**. There will be a choice of sessions 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. Each session will last about an hour. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to assist our planning.

**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.

**MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB UPDATE:** Congratulations to our January Winners; Lorraine Ioannou 1<sup>st</sup> £15, Diana Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> £8, Richard Lyne 3<sup>rd</sup> £4. If you would like to join the Music Percentage Club and support MASJ 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'*

**YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU:** Over the Christmas period, as ill health and time with families prevented many of our very active volunteers from performing many of their duties, I was struck by how much of our common life is orchestrated by a few people. This is not healthy. If we want to be a Church that thrives, is inclusive, and offers a wide variety of services and events we need to all take responsibility for our common life. There are many ways in which this can be achieved from helping with church cleaning to being a sidesperson and welcomer, a server or coffee maker. Over the coming weeks please consider how you might be able to help sustain our common life.

**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](mailto:electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk).

**INTINCTION OR DIPPING AT COMMUNION:** You may well have read an article in *The Times* recently as to this practice whereby the host (bread) is dipped into the wine at communion by the recipient. This practice potentially spreads more germs than simply receiving the chalice. To help minimise the spread of germs – especially during the cold and flu season – please would those who instinct/dip refrain from this practice. If you don't want to receive the common cup that is fine, you do not have to. You have fully received of Christ in one kind.