

## NEXT SUNDAY: 10 MARCH

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	12.30pm	Sunday Lunch at St John's
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Services at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Holy Communion

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**INTINCTION OR DIPPING AT COMMUNION:** You may well have read an article in *The Times* 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.

**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

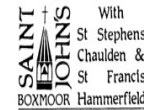
**Newsletter by email.** You can receive a copy of this Newsletter every week by email. Send your email address to stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk and you will be added to the distribution list.

**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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# NEWSLETTER

3 March 2019

## SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

### Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	All-Age Eucharist <i>Hymns: 172, 318, 163, Yellow Book: 28, 9 Anthem: This is the Day</i>
11.30am	Holy Baptism
6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion with hymns

### 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: 4 -9 March

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

<b>MONDAY</b>	11.30pm 7.45pm	Holy Communion at Mountbatten Lodge Together on Monday Club (Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am 1.15pm 4.00pm	Tiny Tots Stay & Play & Service (Hall & Church) South Hill School Visit: Year 2 Pancake Party
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	10.30am 5.00pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes <i>followed by coffee</i> Evening Prayer (St Francis') Parish Eucharist with imposition of Ashes
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8.30am – 5pm 9.30am	MASJ Unisound – String Day Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	5.30pm 7.00pm	Junior Choir (Hall 1) Choir Practice (Hall 1)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am 10.00am	Coffee Morning Baptism Preparation

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

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** For all Christians and churches as they prepare for the period of Lent;

**the Parish of All Saints, Kings Langley** and for **the Reverend James McDonald** to be inducted on Monday evening – 7.30pm at All Saints Church;

**those being baptised this week:** Ava Willow June Aku Moffatt, Isaac Graham Hanson;

**those who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Catherine Keppel, 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, 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:**

Edwin Vaughan-O'Hagan

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

**Years mind (3 -9 March):**

Susan Brown (4.3.2016), Olive Rolph (4.3.2016),

## TODAY

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

**We welcome** Nicholas King to the Organ bench at St John's this morning.

**We welcome** the Junior Choir to lead our singing at the All Age Eucharist. This is their first 'outing'.

**Palm Crosses:** After the All Age Eucharist we shall burn last year's Palm Crosses to make the ash for the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday. Thank you to those who have brought their Palm Cross with them for this.

## THIS WEEK

**TOGETHER ON MONDAY:** 7.45pm, Mike Stanyon will give us a potted history our town.

**PANCAKE PARTY:** Shrove Tuesday (5 March), 4.00-5.30pm for under 12s. Games, pancake 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

You are strongly encouraged 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

## NEXT WEEK

**SUNDAY LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S:** Please sign up on the list at the back to stay for a delicious lunch next week.

**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.

## 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.

**LENTEN DISCIPLINES:** Have you decided what you might give-up or take-on during Lent as a way of growing and drawing closer to Christ? You don't have to give-up chocolate or booze (although it might be). You could read a Gospel, spend a specific amount of time each day in prayer, attend our Lent Course, accomplish an act of kindness to a stranger each day. How are you going to journey with Christ in the desert?

**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).

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** The March magazine is now available at the back of church. Distributors please collect your bundles from near the font, and collect any outstanding subscriptions due. Any problems please let me know. Many thanks, Alan Munford

**DENS FOODBANK:** The new requirements list is now up at the back of St John's. Please check to see what they urgently need and what they already have large stocks of. Place all donations in the plastic container under the table by the Children's Room. Make sure the lid is closed to deter the church mouse.

**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?

**ALBAN LIFE:** The successor to See Round, this publication is published four times a year by the Diocese. This quarter's edition is available at the back of each church free of charge. Enjoy!