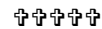


NEXT SUNDAY: 17 MARCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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



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 **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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	<i>Hymns: 56, 129, 123, 246, 117</i>
	<i>Responsorial Psalm: 91: 1-11</i>
	<i>Anthem: Wesley: Lead me Lord</i>
12.30pm	Sunday Lunch at St John's
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden

11.15am Holy Communion

Service at St Francis, Hammerfield

10.00am Sung Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 11 - 16 March

Daily:	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
MONDAY	7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Lent Course 1: <i>The Gifts of the Spirit... there from the beginning</i>
TUESDAY	9.30am 8.00pm	Tiny Tots Stay & Play & Service (Hall & Church) PCC Meeting (Hall 1)
WEDNESDAY	10.30am 5.00pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion followed by coffee Evening Prayer (St Francis') MASJ Board Meeting (Children's Room)
THURSDAY	9.30am 10.00am 3.30pm	Holy Communion (St Stephen's) Lent Course 1: <i>The Gifts of the Spirit... there from the beginning</i> Friendship Teas (St John's Hall)
FRIDAY	9.30am 2.30pm 7.00pm	Church cleaning Women's Fellowship (Hall 1) Choir Practice (Hall 1)
SATURDAY	10.00am 7.30pm	Coffee Morning MASJ Concert: Alexander Ardaikov <i>Piano Recital</i>

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: For St Stephen's Church, Chaulden, in the Parish of Boxmoor;

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

Jean Millington funeral: 14 March, 11.30am at Chiltern's Crematorium

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (10-17 March):

John Penfold (10.3.17), Ruby Brook (12.3.18), Ruby Morgan (14.3.14) Constance Orrechio (15.3.15) Irene Roberts (15.3.18), Joseph Holmwood (15.3.18), Roy Chapman (16.3.18), Joan Hands (17.3.15), Ron Dunnett (17.3.15) Janet Anderson (17.3.17), Barry Hooker (17.3.18), Ivy Dunnett (17.3.18)

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

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

CHORAL EVENSONG: Tonight we welcome Ken Martlew to the Organ bench. Music will include Halls' *Wash me thoroughly*, Smith's responses, Stanford's canticles in C, and Stainer's *God so loved the world*.

THIS WEEK

LENT COURSE: The Gifts of the Spirit.... Our Lent Course this year will take place over 5 weeks starting **THIS WEEK**. There is 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.

This week: The Gifts of the Spirit... there from the beginning

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet in the hall at 2.30pm on Friday 15 March for thoughts on how we keep Lent.

FRIENDSHIP TEAS are for everyone and are an opportunity to meet in a relaxed setting, and share friendship with people who may be bereaved, or otherwise on their own. Join us to celebrate Spring with a delicious afternoon tea, this Thursday (14th), from 3.30 to 5.00pm, in the hall. N.B. If the weather is bad, please check first ☎256216.

MASJ PIANO RECITAL – ALEXANDER ARDAKOV: Next Saturday evening (16 March) we welcome back the ever popular Russian Virtuoso Pianist. The concert starts at 7:30pm here at St John's. Tickets available at the door: £10 (or free if you are under 16!) His programme will include much loved pieces by Scarlatti, Rameau, Beethoven, Schumann and others.

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: 4 days into Lent – how is your resolve and commitment to your Lenten discipline? Be strong and courageous... and start again if needed.

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.

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.

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.

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.

THE KNITTING CIRCLE: due to be meeting on Monday 18 March, 2pm, at Marion Roff's home. Marion was taken to hospital this week and will be unable to host this gathering. A new venue for meeting is sought.