

**NEXT SUNDAY: 14 APRIL**

**PALM SUNDAY**

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist, Procession, and Dramatised Gospel <i>Nb: Service begins in Boxmoor Playhouse</i>
	6.30pm	Passiontide Service
Service at St Francis':	<u>10.30am</u>	Sung Mass and Procession
Service at St Stephen's	11.15am	Holy Communion

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**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

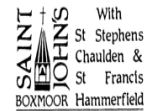
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**PARISH MAGAZINE:** Please note that the deadline for articles for the **May 2019** magazine,  
including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 7 April**. You  
can email direct to magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk (A5 format please), or leave in  
pigeonhole in church or deliver direct to 27 Beechfield Road. Sally-Anne Bates, Editor. Tel:  
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*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

7 April 2019

**PASSION SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Services at St John's**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Combined Parish Eucharist <i>Hymns: 72, 113, 137</i> <i>Yellow Book: 27, 49</i> <i>Responsorial Psalm: 126</i> <i>Anthem: Rutter – The Lord bless you and keep you</i> <i>Voluntary: Bach – Fugue in C Minor</i> <i>followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting</i>
6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion with hymns

***No Services at St Francis' or St Stephen's today.***

**THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 8 – 13 April**

<b>Daily:</b>	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
<b>MONDAY</b>	1.00pm	Funeral – Gillian Langston
	2.15pm	Poetry Group (53 Beechfield Road)
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club (Hall)
	8.00pm	Lent Course 5: <i>The Gifts of the Spirit... at work in us – the Body of Christ</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am	Tiny Tots Stay & Play & Service (Hall & Church)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	2.30pm	Burial of Ashes – Joan Ibbett
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
	10.00am	Lent Course 5: <i>The Gifts of the Spirit... at work in us – the Body of Christ</i>
	3.30pm	Friendship Tea – All Welcome (Hall)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	5.30pm	Junior Choir
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (St John's 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:** Pray Hemel – Christians from many churches, meeting together on the first Saturday of each month, to worship and pray for many aspects of our town.

**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:**

Colin Lill, Tracey Steel, Ann Nash, Herbert Lee;

Gillian Langston funeral: 8 April, 1.00pm, St John's

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

### **Years mind (7-13 April):**

Donald Farmborough (7.4.2014), Dennis Hull (8.4.2017), Walter Herbert (9.4.2018), Samuel Gardener (9.4.2017), Margaret Birchall (12.4.2015), Hazel Mitchell (13.4.2018).

## TODAY

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

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

**BOHO BOXMOOR EGG HUNT:** 11am – 3pm Blackbirds Moor. Refreshments, Mr Marvel Show, Face Painting, Easter Fun for all the family. Voluntary donation of £2 per child.

**EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT: BCP Holy Communion with Hymns**

## 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...at work in us – the Body of Christ.***

**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. . . Brave the April showers, and join us to celebrate Spring with a delicious afternoon tea, on Thursday (11th), from 3.30 to 5.00pm, in the hall.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST:** This will begin in the Playhouse. We will then Process into St John's mirroring Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. If you are not able to walk the distance please welcome the procession when it arrives at St John's.

**ST FRANCIS:** Note this Sunday the Service begins at 10.30am.

**6.30pm PASSIONTIDE SERVICE:** A devotional service of music, readings, and prayers reflecting on the Way of the Cross and the enormity of Christ's loving and freely made sacrifice. All welcome – a good way to begin Holy Week.

## PARISH NOTICES

**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.

**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.

**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.

**COFFEE MORNING UPDATE:** Gill and I would like to thank everyone who came to support her in her efforts for making funds for Rennie Grove and running in the London Marathon. £300.74 was raised at the Coffee Morning last Saturday – thank you. Marion Roff

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

**HOLY WEEK READING:** Copies of 2 devotional books are available at the back of St John's. *Stations of the Cross* by Timothy Radcliff, and *Looking through the Cross* by Graham Tomlin. These superb devotional aids are warmly commended to you.