

NEXT SUNDAY: 21 APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Easter Eucharist with Holy Baptism <i>followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Egg Rolling for children</i>
	6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns
Service at St Francis':	10.00am	Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's	11.15am	Holy Communion with hymns

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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

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 **June 2019** magazine, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 5 May**. 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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BOXMOOR
With
St Stephens
Chaulden &
St Francis
Hammerfield

NEWSLETTER

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14 April 2019

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 Hymns: Red Book: 61, 328, 64, 260, 117; Yellow Book: 22 Anthems: Hosanna to the Son by Halls; Blessing by J Willcocks Voluntary: N Warren - Fanfare</i>
6.30pm	Passiontide Service

Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden

11.15am Holy Communion

Service at St Francis, Hammerfield

10.00am Sung Mass and Procession

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 14 – 20 April

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

The Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday 30 April

HOLY MONDAY	11.30am	Holy Communion at Mountbatten Lodge
	8.00pm	Holy Communion with Reflection
HOLY TUESDAY	8.00pm	Holy Communion with Reflection (St Stephen's)
HOLY	10.00am	Prayers for healing
WEDNESDAY	10.30am	Holy Communion with Reflection <i>followed by coffee</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross (St Francis')
MAUNDY	9.30am	Morning Worship (St Stephen's)
THURSDAY	8.00pm	Parish Eucharist with washing of feet <i>Followed by The Watch until 10.30pm</i>
GOOD FRIDAY	9.30am	All Age Stations of the Cross <i>(Starts at St Mary & St Joseph's)</i>
	11.00am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness – <i>gather in Market Square (leave St John's at 10.30am)</i>
	2.00pm	An hour at the Cross
HOLY SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffee Morning and Church Cleaning
	8.00pm	First Eucharist of Easter (St Francis') <i>with Vigil and Easter Ceremonies</i>

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: for the preparations for the Walk of Witness on Good Friday

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Michele Finch, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Samuel and James Lockyer, Alan Munford, Pauline Webb, Daniel Williams;

those with ongoing needs: Sheila Charge, Margaret Delph, Angela Green, Andrew Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Catherine Keppel, Sheila Lewis, 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:

Herbert Lee funeral: 3 May, 10.00am at St John's

Lilian Goddard, Doreen Chilton, Colin Lill, Ann Nash, Gillian Langston;

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (14-20 April):

Digby Stott (14.4.2018).

TODAY

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

EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT: A Service of Music and Readings for Passiontide, 6.30pm

Music to include Pergolesi *Stabat Mater*, Stainer *God so loved the world*, Dvorak *Blessed Jesu*, and Guerrero *O Domine Jesus Christe*. Join us as we begin to reflect on the atoning sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.

THIS WEEK

HOLY WEEK 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. www.achurchnearyou.com

Holy Week Reflections: This year they will be given by the Vicar, thinking about the events of Jesus' last few days on earth.

Unfolding the drama: The events of Holy Week are like different Acts in a theatre production. See the whole performance and come throughout the week. Don't just settle for Acts 1 & 6 – even though they are spectacular!

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP: there will be no meeting on Good Friday. The next meeting will be on Friday 17th May.

HOLY SATURDAY: CHURCH CLEANING AND PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER: If you are able to spare an hour or two on Saturday morning (from 9.00am) you'd be most welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY

SPRING FLOWERS: Please do bring Spring flowers on Easter Sunday morning to decorate the cross.

PARISH NOTICES

FOUND: a hearing aid was found by the glass doors in St John's just before the start of the 9.30am service last week. Please ask the Sides team if it might be yours.

Electoral Roll. A copy of the new roll as accepted by the APCM is available for inspection at our three churches. Because St John's church is open daily and sometimes unattended, this copy will be available at the Parish office during office hours.

A MESSAGE FROM MARION ROFF: Thank you to you all for your thoughts and prayers during my illness. I'm hoping it won't be too long before I am back to normal!!

COLLECTION FOR THE DEC CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL: Over £300 collected for this appeal over the last 2 Sundays. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTIAN AID LENTEN SOUP LUNCH was a great success with more than £200 being raised for Christian Aid. Many thanks to the soup makers, helpers and all those who attended. Marian.

ST JOHN'S LUNCH CLUB IN MAY will be combined with a Parish lunch on 5 May. Tables will be reserved so that lunch club attendees can sit together as usual. If you would like to sit as usual sign up on the lunch club list at the back of church. Marian

THANKSGIVING TEA PARTY: Saturday 27 April, 3.00-5.00pm, at Carey Baptist Church Hall. Thanksgiving for Wendy recovering following breaking her neck! All welcome to help celebrate. If interested, for catering purposes, please contact Wendy Richards – 07504 215905. Thank you.

EASTER CARD PARISH DELIVERY: Thank you to everybody who delivered the Easter Cards around the village.

THANK YOU: to all who bought Easter rabbits and chicks - £60 raised for church funds.

NUMBERED ENVELOPES 2019/20: Supplies of new numbered weekly giving envelopes are available at the back of St John's for those undertaking Planned Giving in this way. They are LIGHT BLUE this year (April 2019 – April 2020). For more information please speak to our Treasurer, Chris Angell, at St John's or call him on 01442 244158.

HOLY WEEK READING: Two Lenten books, *Stations of the Cross* by Timothy Radcliffe, OP, (£9.99) and *Looking Through the Cross* by Revd Dr Graham Tomlin (£9.99) are available at the back of St. John's in return for a donation to support the work of the *Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East (F.R.R.M.E.)* and in particular, their unique and free medical clinic open to all Iraqis at St. George's, Baghdad. Cash or cheques, made payable to F.R.R.M.E to be left in envelope provided. Thank you for your generosity.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB UPDATE: Congratulations to our March Draw Winners; Peter Garner 1st £15, Marion Roff 2nd £8, Job Rombout 3rd £4. If you would like to join the Music Percentage Club and support MASJ in this way 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.