

NEXT SUNDAY: 12 MAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Services at St John's: 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Festal Choral Evensong
during the Music Festival

Service at St Francis': 10.00am Sung Mass
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

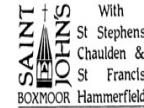
Newsletter by email. You can receive a copy of this Newsletter every week by email. Send your email address to stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk and you will be added to the distribution list.

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 **today, 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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NEWSLETTER

5 May 2019

PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

(THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Services at St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Patronal Festival Eucharist with Holy Baptism
followed by lunch
Hymns: Red Book: 304, 325, 79; 203i Yellow Book: 39, 57,
Anthem: Jubilate by Stanford
Junior Choir Anthem: This little light of mine
Voluntary: Prelude to the Te Deum by Charpentier
6.30pm BCP Holy Communion with hymns

No services at St Francis' or St Stephen's today

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 5 – 11 May

Daily: 8.45am Morning Prayer 5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
MONDAY Bank Holiday – no services
TUESDAY 9.30am Tiny Tots Stay, Play & Service (Hall & Church)
6.30pm Office Hour (Baptism and Wedding enquiries)
8.00pm PCC meeting (Hall 1)
WEDNESDAY 10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')
8.00pm MASJ Board Meeting (Quiet Room)
THURSDAY 9.30am Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
3.30pm Friendship Tea – all welcome (Hall)
FRIDAY All day MASJ Music Festival
5.30pm Junior Choir (Hall 1)
7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)
SATURDAY All day MASJ Music Festival
10.00am Coffee Morning
7.30pm MASJ Dacorum Youth Orchestra Concert

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: All who work in our schools and the pupils.

those to be baptised today: Edward Eustace

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

those with ongoing needs: Sheila Charge, Margaret Delph, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Angela Green, Andrew Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Catherine Keppel, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Ruth Merry, 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:

Joyce Gower funeral: 16 May, 12 noon, St John's

Terry Dodd, Herbert Lee, Lilian Goddard, Doreen Chilton, Colin Lill,

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (5-11 May):

Theresa Davis (11.5.2018).

TODAY

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

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Today we celebrate the Patron Saint of our Parish – St John the Evangelist. As we honour him for his sacred writings and example we pray that we may hear Christ through his writings and 'let light shine out of darkness'. During our Combined Parish Eucharist we shall be baptising into Christ's light and life Edward Eustace. Both the Parish Choir and Junior Choir will be singing during our Eucharist today.

TIME, TALENTS & TREASURE: At the end of today's Service named envelopes will be available for all who are on our Electoral Roll and/or are currently Planned Givers, giving details of Stewardship 2019 and including Survey and Pledge forms for return. Similar, but unaddressed, envelopes will be available for all other members of the congregation.

EVENING SERVICE: BCP Holy Communion with hymns

THIS WEEK

FRIENDSHIP TEAS are open to **everyone**. The next is this Thursday (9th), from 3.30pm to 5.00pm, in the hall. Why not bring a few flowers to refresh the blossoms on the Easter Cross, which is outside the West end of the church, on your way to tea? Transport can be arranged, if needed (☎256216).

MASJ MUSIC FESTIVAL: 10-12 May

A fantastic weekend of music awaits. Please see posters at the back of St John's for full details. All are welcome and to be encouraged.

NEXT SUNDAY

FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG: Evensong during the Music Festival will celebrate the gift of Music as we continue to rejoice in the risen Christ. Music will include Stainer's *I saw the Lord*, Rose *Responses*, Vaughan-Williams *O taste and see*, and Rutter's *I am with you always*.

PARISH NOTICES

TIME, TALENTS & TREASURE: following-on from the Lent Course on the Gifts of the Spirit we shall be spending time during Easter Season to look at how we are using the gifts God has given each of us.

DEANERY OUTING TO ELY: Saturday 10 August. Coach departs St John's t 9.00am. A guided tour of Ely Cathedral has been arranged. Cost: £26, including coach fare, driver's gratuity and tour. Cheques payable to Hemel Hempstead Deanery Synod. Please sign the list at the back of church by the end of May. *Graham Gibbs*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: will meet on Friday afternoon, 17 May at 2.30pm when Marian Davies will tell us about her recent trip to the Holy Land.

PARISH MAGAZINE FOR MAY: The May 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

FOUND: a Samsung mobile phone was found by the glass doors on Good Friday evening. Please speak to the Vicar 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.

CHURCHWARDEN'S EASTER APPEAL: Thank you very much for your generosity to date. Please make any further donations to this appeal (for new boilers at St John's) via the designated envelopes. Please put this gift in the Offertory plate along with your regular giving during the Offertory. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR SRI LANKA: Please hold in your prayers the people of Sri Lanka as they come to terms with the terrible attacks on Churches and Hotels on Easter morning. Prayers are particular welcome for steadfastness in the Christian faith during this time of mourning. Please also pray for the relations between different Faiths in Sri Lanka.