

NEXT SUNDAY: 19 MAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	11.30am	Holy Baptism
	6.30pm	Taizé Service

Service at St Francis':	10.00am	Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Morning Worship

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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

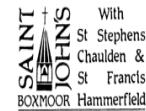
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PARISH MAGAZINE: Please note that the deadline for articles for the **July 2019** magazine, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 2 June**. You can email direct to magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk (A5 format please), 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

12 May 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist

Hymns: Red Book: 402, 134, 171, Yellow Book: 27, 14

Anthem: Let all the world by Routley

Voluntary: Toccata from Suite Gothique by Boellmann

6.30pm	Festal Choral Evensong
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during the Music Festival

Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden

11.15am Holy Communion

Services at St Francis, Hammerfield

10.00am Sung Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 13 – 18 May

Daily:	<i>8.45am Morning Prayer</i>	<i>5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)</i>
MONDAY	10.00am	Coming to Stillness (Trinity Room, Holy Trinity Church, Leverstock Green)
	11.30am	Holy Communion at Mountbatten Lodge
	2.15pm	Poetry Group (53 Beechfield Road)
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
TUESDAY	<i>The Parish Office will be closed today</i>	
	9.30am	Tiny Tots Stay, Play & Service (Hall & Church)
	6.30pm	Office Hour (Baptism and Wedding enquiries)
WEDNESDAY	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
	12noon	Funeral – Joyce Gower
	8.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
FRIDAY	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert
	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship – Marian Davies talks about her recent trip to the Holy Land (Hall 1)
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Hall 1)
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	2.00pm	Wedding – Matthew Williams and Susan Hartwell

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill – with their Anglican & Free Church congregation and their Roman Catholic congregation.

those to be married this week: Matthew Williams and Susan Hartwell

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Michele Finch, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Samuel and James Lockyer, 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

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (11-18 May):

Theresa Davis (11.5.2018), Sabina Hodgson (14.5.2015), Barbara Martlew (16.5.2015).

TODAY

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

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Thank you to everyone who helped make our Patronal Festival such a joyful occasion. Particular thanks to our caterers for the lunch which followed; our Junior and Full choirs for their offerings, and to Marion for the cake to celebrate her birthday.

TIME, TALENTS & TREASURE: Would all who are on our Electoral Roll and/or are currently Planned Givers please collect their named envelope, giving details of Stewardship 2019 - including Survey and Pledge forms for return – from the back of church. Similar, but unaddressed, envelopes will be available for all other members of the congregation. Today we will be thinking about our Treasure and our financial giving.

FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG: Join us for a special Choral Evensong, during the Music Festival, as we continue to glory in the risen Christ and delight in the gift of music. Music will include Rose response, Vaughan Williams *O taste and see*, Stainer *I saw the Lord*, Rutter *I am with you always* and Howells' great *St Paul's Service*. Come and be delighted through word and music.

THIS WEEK

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

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*

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.

FLOWER FESTIVAL: 7, 8, 9 June. There are sign up sheets at the back of church for help with stewarding and refreshments during the festival.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB UPDATE:

Congratulations to our April Draw Winners; Catherine Holness 1st £15, Nicholas King 2nd £8, Diana Edwards 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

BERKHAMSTED DEANERY LECTURE 2019: Thursday 23 May at St Mary's Northchurch at 7.45pm. Good news or Fake news? A Christian perspective on broadcasting in echo chambers and filter bubbles, facing the challenge of a 24 hour news cycle. Speaker will be Rev Lucy Winkett, who is Rector of St James's Church Piccadilly and a regular broadcaster on radios 4 and 3. She writes regularly for the national press and is a contributing editor to the news startup "Tortoise media", attempting to provide "slow news" in a fast-paced news cycle. Refreshments provided and parking at St Mary's Primary School, New Road, Northchurch.