

NEXT SUNDAY: 16 FEBRUARY

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	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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NEWSLETTER ITEMS for next Sunday's newsletter (in writing) **by Tuesday please**. If separate flyers are to be produced, please let the Office know. **Please email 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 **April 2020** magazine is **Sunday 1 March**, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs. 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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THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist

Hymns: Red Book: 149, 162, 346, 265

Yellow Book: 16

Anthem: Stanton – Christ is the World's Light

Voluntary: Miller – Postlude on "Lobe den Herren"

6.30pm	Choral Evensong with the Licensing and Commissioning of the Rural Dean and Assistant Rural Dean of Hemel Hempstead
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Service at St Francis':	10.00am Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 10-15 February

Daily:	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
MONDAY	2.15pm Poetry Group (53 Beechfield Road)	7.30pm Holy Communion
	8.00pm Church meeting: Standing Committee (Hall 1)	
TUESDAY	9.30am Tiny Tots – Stay, Play and Service (Hall & Church)	
	6.45pm Office Hour – Baptism & Wedding enquiries	
	8.00pm Deanery Synod (St Mary's, Old Town)	
WEDNESDAY	10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee	
	5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')	
	8.00pm Marriage Preparation Evening	
THURSDAY	9.30am Holy Communion (St Stephen's)	
	10.00am Funeral – Peter Smith	
	3.30pm Friendship Tea – all welcome (Hall)	
	6.30pm Boxmoor Cubs visit	
FRIDAY	5.30pm Junior Choir	
	7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)	
SATURDAY	10.00am Coffee Morning	
	10.30am Burial of Ashes – Alan Stone	

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St Mary's Apsley;

those who are ill: Adam, Lynsey Abbott, Trevor Boyce, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Michele Finch, Margaret Gunning, Jean Hammond, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Nicholas King, Vera Knight, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Rev'd Rex Merry, Godfrey Rock, Vicky, Pauline Webb;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, Sheila Charge, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Andrew Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Catherine Keppel, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Samuel and James Lockyer, Ruth Merry, Steve Randall, Marion Roff, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Ken Warby, Daniel Williams, 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 recently:

Marjorie Preece funeral 19 February, 12 noon, St John's Boxmoor

Peter Smith funeral 13 February, 10.00am, St John's Boxmoor

Alice Jones funeral: 11 February, 2.20pm, West Herts Crematorium

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 9-15 February: Tony Foster (10.2.17), Bernard Morris (10.2.15), Jacqueline Wiltshire (10.2.15), Derek Rogers (13.2.17).

TODAY

LICENSING AND COMMISSIONING OF NEW RURAL DEAN: Our Vicar will be Licensed as Rural Dean of Hemel Hempstead during Choral Evensong **tonight, 6.30pm**, by the Archdeacon of Hertford. Your support would be most appreciated.

THIS WEEK

FRIENDSHIP TEAS: This Thursday, will include one of our popular fun quizzes. In anticipation of Valentine's Day on Friday, the subject will be "Love & Romance". Join us to spread a little love, over a festive afternoon tea, with hearty sandwiches and lovely cakes, from 3.30pm in the hall. Please check, if weather is bad, or to arrange a lift, on HH 256216.

NEXT WEEK

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meet in the hall at 2.30pm on Friday, 21 February when we shall be pleased to welcome Denise Chennell as our speaker.

PARISH NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead invite everyone to this global, ecumenical service **Friday 6 March**, 11.00am, St Benedict's Church, Peascroft Rd.

QUIZ NIGHT: – Saturday 14 March. There are just a few spaces left on the last table for this Quiz. Ruth is looking for a few people for her team. Please speak to her about joining this fun evening. There will be a ploughman's supper and all other details are on the poster at the back of church.

SHROVE TUESDAY ANTICS: 25 February

- **CHILDREN'S PANCAKE PARTY:** 4.00-5.30pm for under 12s. Games, pancake races, quizzes, and of course pancakes to eat. £1 per child.
- **ADULT PANCAKE & COCKTAILS PARTY:** 7.30pm, St John's Hall. Prepare for Lent by letting your hair down with Pancakes, cocktails, fun with friends, and entertainment. £8 each.

Please sign-up at the back of church to give an indication of numbers for catering purposes.

LENT COURSE: PRAYER The Lent Course will once again take place over 5 weeks starting in the week beginning 1 March. There will be 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. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to assist our planning.

SUMMER FAYRE: Advanced notice our Summer Fayre 2020 will be on **Saturday 13 June**. The *Planning Committee* intend to get the ball rolling with a meeting for all interested people on **Tuesday 18 February, 8.00pm**, St John's Hall. Might this be a way in which you can support your Church? All help welcome and received.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Our next Service of Prayers for Healing is on **Wednesday 19 February**, at the new time of **9.45am**. If you, or someone you know would like to be prayed for please ensure their names are in the red folder at the back of St John's.

OFFICE HOUR: Did you know that you can come and book a time to speak with a member of Clergy every week during our Office Hour? If you would like to discuss anything, then why not give it a try.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS: The PCC have been in consultation with the YMCA and other local partners about starting a Youth Club. Conversations are progressing well. Your prayers are asked for the Lord's blessing on this project which is hoped will start later this year.

TEXT GIVING: Not everyone carries cash around with them. Not everyone is able to give regularly to the Church or via Direct Debit. But would giving via Text Message help? Please see details in the Pews or Text **PLATE 5** to give £5, or **PLATE 10** to give £10, to **70085**.

PARISH STATIONERY: Want to send someone a note? Then why not grab yourself some notelets of St John's from the glass cabinet near the Glass Doors. £3 a pack of 10.

ROGUE EMAILS: Apologies if you received a 'strange' email from the vicar this week. It appears someone has sent emails from a gmail account, pretending to be him and asking for favours. Please delete if you received one. All emails from the Vicar are from his @stjohnsboxmoor account.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the January Music Percentage Club draw; Sheila James 1st £15; Richard Lyne 2nd £8; Job Rombout 3rd £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.