

NEXT SUNDAY: 23 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Gade Valley Harriers marathon training run on the Moor

Services at St John's:	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Holy Communion
Services at St Francis':	10.00am	Sung Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Evensong & Benediction

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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

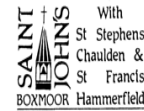
NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: You can receive a copy of this Newsletter every week by email. Send your email address to stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk and you will be added to the distribution list.

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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NEWSLETTER

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16 February 2020

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Services at St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Hymns: Red Book: 104, 144, 196, 180

Yellow Book: 21

Anthem: Westbrook – God of pity, God of grace

Voluntary: Rheinberger – Scherzoso from Sonata No8 Op 132

11.30am Holy Baptism

1.00pm Burial of Ashes

6.30pm Taizé Service

Service at St Francis': 10.00am Sung Mass

Service at St Stephen's: 11.15am Morning Worship

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 17-22 February

The Parish Office will be closed this week.

Daily:	<i>8.45am Morning Prayer</i>	<i>5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)</i>
MONDAY	7.00pm	Together on Monday Dinner and AGM
TUESDAY		<i>No Tiny Tots (Half Term)</i>
	6.45pm	Office Hour – Baptism & Wedding enquiries
	8.00pm	Summer Fayre Planning Meeting (Hall 2)
WEDNESDAY	9.45am	Prayers for Healing
	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	12noon	Funeral – Marjorie Preece
	5.00pm	<i>No Evening Prayer tonight (St Francis')</i>
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
FRIDAY	2.30pm	Women.s Fellowship (Hall 1)
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Hall 1)
SATURDAY	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: Carey Baptist Church

those being baptised this week: Jessica Maria McDermott

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, Alice Jones, Gordon Cartwright;

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 16-22 February: George Poultney (16.2.19).

TODAY

TAIZÉ SERVICE: 6.30pm Come and rest in God's presence through simple chant, scripture, prayer, and candles. A short service of reflection based on the style of worship offered by the Taizé Community in France.

THIS WEEK

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Dinner and AGM. 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Members only – Di Tovey 263669.

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 this **Tuesday, 18 February, at 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: is on Wednesday 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.

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

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S: Come and join us for lunch next Sunday, great food, fun and fellowship. Please sign up at the back of St John's.

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.

PARISH NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING NEWS is at the back of the Church. Please will all those who volunteer in any role check the notice board to see what level of training they should be doing.

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.

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.

LENT: Have you decided what you might give-up for Lent? Maybe you might like to join the Vicar in giving up biscuits? Or maybe you could take on an activity: reading a book about an aspect of faith; phoning someone each day/week; or the CofE's Live Lent challenge? Lent is a great time to grow closer to God, so how will you deepen your relationship with God?

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Gosia and Joanna, members of St Francis, on the safe arrival of their babies. All are now doing well.

THANK YOU: Despite the weather being foul last Sunday I was very touched by the high turnout at Choral Evensong when I was Licensed as Rural Dean. Particular thanks to our musicians for the superbly rendered music and to our caterers for the warm hospitality extended to all in the Deanery after the Service. You made me very proud. *The Vicar*.