

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 MARCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	All-Age Eucharist
	11.30am	Holy Baptism
	6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion with hymns
Service at St Francis':	10.00am	Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Morning Worship

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The flowers this week are sponsored by Roger Taylor in loving memory of his mother, Doris Taylor, years mind 21.2.2012.

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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

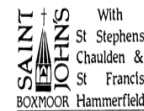
NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: You can receive a copy of this Newsletter every week by email. Send your email address to stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk and you will be added to the distribution list.

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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SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Services at St John's

Gade Valley Harriers marathon training run on the Moor

	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
		Hymns: Red Book: 172, 318, 163, 394, 185
		Anthem: Haydn – And the Spirit (from The Creation)
		Voluntary: Grieg – Morning (from Peer Gynt)
	12.30pm	Sunday Lunch at St John's
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Holy Communion
Services at St Francis':	10.00am	Sung Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Evensong & Benediction

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 24-29 February

Daily:	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
MONDAY	7.30pm	Holy Communion
SHROVE	9.30am	Tiny Tots - Stay, Play and Service (Hall & Church)
TUESDAY	4.00pm	Children's Pancake Party (Hall)
	6.45pm	Office Hour – Baptism & Wedding enquiries
	7.30pm	Adult Pancake and Cocktails Party (Hall)
ASH	10.30am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ash followed by coffee
WEDNESDAY	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
	8.00pm	Parish Eucharist with Imposition of Ash
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
	10.30am	Burial of Ashes: Keith Travi
	8.15pm	Wedding Rehearsal
FRIDAY	5.30pm	Junior Choir (Hall 1)
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Hall 1)
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	10.00am	Burial of Ashes: Harry and Winifred Downer
	4.30pm	Wedding: Michael Wilshaw & Victoria Pool

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: For all Christians as they prepare for the period of Lent.

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, 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:

Vera Knight

Marjorie Preece, Peter Smith, Alice Jones, Gordon Cartwright;

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 23-29 February: Joan Ibbett (23.2.19), Sylvia Shreeves (23.2.18), Rev'd Valerie Rockall (23.2.17), Marjorie Hunt (24.2.18), Alwyn Brodrick (25.2.17), Ernest Fletcher (25.2.17), Alan Craddock (25.2.16), Baby Saskia (26.2.18), Anne Frogley (26.2.18), Doris Taylor (27.2.15), Jack Sweet (28.2.19).

TODAY

SUNDAY LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S: 12.30, great food and fellowship.

THIS WEEK

SHROVE TUESDAY ANTICS: 25 February

- **CHILDREN'S PANCAKE PARTY:** 4.00-5.30pm for under 12s. Games, pancakes 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.

NEXT WEEK

LENT COURSE: PRAYER The Lent Course will begin next week, with opportunity to join sessions from Monday 2 March following Eucharist at 7.30pm at St John's or Thursday 5 March, following Eucharist at 9.30am 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 READING

A wide range of Christian books (£8.99 - £9.99) are available in return for a donation (your generosity is appreciated) to a Christian charity, Barnabas Fund, to support the persecuted church this Lent. Please browse and leave cash or a cheque in the envelope provided. With thanks. Barbara Richardson

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?

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.

QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 14 March. All tables are sold but we have 3 to 5 places available on one of them. Please speak to Alan Munford, in church or on 01442 242543 who will put you in touch with the person needing some 'brainpower' to help them out. Details of the Quiz on posters at the back of St John's. The supper will be a Ploughman's platter.

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.