

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 MARCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's



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 **TODAY, 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.

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.

*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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S SERVICES IN THE PARISH

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
9.30am	All-Age Eucharist	St John's
	<i>Hymns: Red Book: 56, 129, 123, 246, 117</i>	
	<i>Anthem: How – Day by Day</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Higgs – Variations on Heinelein</i>	
10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion with hymns	St John's

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 2-7 March

Daily:	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
MONDAY	11.30am Holy Communion at Mountbatten Lodge	
	7.30pm Holy Communion	
	7.45pm Together on Monday Club – History of the Nickey Line (Hall)	
	8.00pm Lent Course	
TUESDAY	9.30am Tiny Tots - Stay, Play and Service (Hall & Church)	
	11.30am Bereavement Group meeting	
	6.45pm Office Hour – Baptism & Wedding enquiries	
WEDNESDAY	10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee	
	2.00pm Burial of Ashes – Ruth Barden	
	5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')	
THURSDAY	9.30am Holy Communion (St Stephen's)	
	10.00am Lent Course (St Stephen's)	
FRIDAY	11.00am World Day of Prayer Service (St Benedict's, Peascroft Road)	
	7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)	
SATURDAY	8.00am Pray Hemel (Adeyfield Community Centre, Queens Square, HP2 4EW (please note change of venue).	
	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: Liberty Tea Room – a Christian presence in the heart of our town.

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

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, Sheila Charge, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Andrew Gunning, Jean Hammond, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Catherine Keppel, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Samuel and James Lockyer, Ruth Merry, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, 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 Funeral: Monday 16 March, 10.00am at St John's

Barbara Potts Funeral: Monday 16 March, 12noon at St John's

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

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 1-7 March: Beryl Millington (1.3.19), Olive Rolph (4.3.16), Susan Brown (4.3.16)

TODAY

JUNIOR CHOIR: There is no Junior Choir today. Junior Choir will next be leading our music on Mothering Sunday during the All Age Parade Eucharist, Sunday 22 March.

THIS WEEK

LENT: Lent is a great time to grow closer to God. Hopefully you have not slipped-up in your Lenten discipline just yet, but if you have now is the time to start again. How are you going to use this season to deepen your relationship with God?

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 Stephen's. 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 (whatever size) to a Christian charity, Barnabas Fund, to support the persecuted church. Please browse and leave cash in the envelope provided or with the office at a later date. With thanks. Barbara Richardson.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Our talk this week will be about the Nicky line, the meeting starts at 7.45pm and new members will be welcome. Di Tovey 263669

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.

NEXT WEEK

QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 14 March, 7.30pm, St John's Hall - Sold out but happy to put your name on waiting list if anybody drops out. WANTED – prizes for the raffle. All donations accepted to maximise our income. Please pass them to Alan Munford or Jo Fisher. Many thanks.

MESSY CHURCH: Sunday 15 March, 3-5pm. Please join us at Messy Church where we will learn about the importance of Lent for Christians and get crafty, play games, hear stories and eat food! There will also be time to create cards ready for Mothering Sunday.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH MAGAZINE: The March magazine is now available at the back of church. Distributors please collect your bundles from near the font, and pass to me the few remaining subscriptions. Any problems collecting subscriptions please let me know. Many thanks, Alan Munford

NUMBERED ENVELOPES: The 2020/21 numbered envelopes are now available at the back of St John's. Will subscribers to the Envelope scheme please collect their box. The new supply is for use from Easter Sunday (12 April) and the envelopes are coloured yellow. Chris Angell, Hon. Treasurer.

CHRISTIAN AID SOUP LUNCH: Friday 27 March, 12.30pm in the hall. All welcome. Please let Marian Davies know if you are able to come.

STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION: Sunday 29 March, 6.30pm, St John's. The Choir, with guest soloists and friends, are to perform John Stainer's great devotional work *The Crucifixion*. A great way to enter the mystery of Christ's Passion through music and the words of scripture. All welcome.

FEET FOR WASHING: On Maundy Thursday we will re-enact the washing of the disciples' feet by our Lord. We therefore need 12 volunteers to have their feet washed as part of the service. Please speak to the Vicar if you are willing.

SHROVE TUESDAY FUN: Thank you to our caterers who made over 160 pancakes on Tuesday for our 2 parties. Great fun was had by all who came. The races were fairly but hard run and cocktails drunk with gusto – almost drinking the car dry! A great social time together. Thank you.

VISIT TO ASSISI – OCTOBER 2020: A small group from St Francis Church are planning to visit Assisi together with Father Benjamin in October this year – flying out on Friday 16, staying in Assisi and flying home on Monday 18. If anyone from St John's or St Stephen's would like to join them, they will be most welcome. If you are interested, please talk to Marian Davies in the first instance.

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.