

The Parish of Boxmoor

St John's Boxmoor, St Stephen's Chaulden & St Francis' Hammerfield

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NEWSLETTER

ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP ARE SUSPENDED WITHIN THE PARISH BY ORDER OF THE ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK

SUNDAY 22 MARCH: MOTHERING SUNDAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St John's A Private Celebration of the Eucharist will be said at 9.30am

A Live Streaming of the Eucharist at St Albans Abbey, the Mother Church of the Diocese can be joined at 10.00am

via https://www.youtube.com/user/stalbanscathedral

at home 7.00pm Light a Candle to share the Light of Christ

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH: THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

St Francis Tbc A Private Celebration of the Eucharist will be said

SUNDAY 29 MARCH: PASSION SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St John's A Private Celebration of the Eucharist will be said at 9.30am

More details will appear in the next Newsletter.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Trevor Boyce, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Michele Finch, Margaret Gunning, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Nicholas King, Leah, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, 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 & James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, 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, Barbara Potts

John Jones Funeral: Monday 23 March, 2.40pm at West Herts Crematorium

Sylvia Shaw Funeral: Friday 27 March, 3.40pm at West Herts Crematorium

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 22-28 March: Barrie Linklater (24.3.17), Scott Shaw (25.3.16), Ann Nash (26.3.19), Michael West (27.3.18), Philip Moore (27.3.15).

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PARISH NOTICES

GOOD NEWS: Your former Vicar, The Reverend James Reveley announced last Sunday that he has been appointed Canon Residentiary of Ely Cathedral. James will have particular responsibility for the pastoral wellbeing of the Cathedral Community. Every Blessing to James, Joanna, Miriam and Hannah as they prepare for this new ministry later in the year.

CORONAVIRUS:

- This and every Sunday evening, please light a Candle and put it in the window of your front room. Let's share the light of Christ a light which drives out fear and darkness, and show the community we are there for them. This is part of a national Churches Together initiative.
- Please see our Website for details of the measures we are putting in place.
- Please let the clergy know if you need any support, assistance, or prayer at this time.
- New initiatives and ways of being Church will be emerging each week watch this space!
- Basic hygiene standards are to be maintained. Please continue to wash your hands on arrival at church
 and again as you leave. We are fortunate to have wash facilities near the entrance to all our churches
 so please make use of them.

EASTER CARDS: Thank you to all who signed-up to deliver these cards. We regret that they will no-longer be sent out.

CHRISTIAN AID SOUP LUNCH: Friday 27 March. This event has been postponed.

STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION: Sunday 29 March, 6.30pm, This service has been suspended.

<u>FEET FOR WASHING:</u> You have been let off! No feet are to be washed this year. Thank you to those who hitherto volunteered.

<u>THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:</u> This meeting has been postponed. More information will be available when the vicar, wardens, and officers of the Parish are able to get together to discuss the Bishop's new guidance.

ELECTORAL ROLL: the Parish of Boxmoor Electoral Roll will be updated before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26 April. To vote at this meeting you must be on the Roll. Forms for new members are located near the main doors of all our churches and a copy of the current roll is available for inspection in the Parish Office or from the Electoral Roll Officer, Ian Packe. Please check your entry on this Roll and <u>only</u> submit a new form if any details have changed. Forms may be deposited in the boxes provided no later than 5 April. Thank you. *Ian Packe*, 214126 or email: electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk.

<u>NEWSLETTER ITEMS</u> for **next Sunday's newsletter** (in writing) <u>by Tuesday please</u>). 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 <u>stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk</u> and you will be added to the distribution list.

<u>PARISH MAGAZINE</u>: Please note that the <u>deadline for articles</u> for the May 2020 magazine is Sunday 5 April, 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 <u>27</u> Beechfield Road. Sally-Anne Bates, Editor. Tel: 266912.

<u>TEXT GIVING:</u> 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**.

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