

# NEWSLETTER

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

### SUNDAY 29 MARCH:

Vicarage

at home

### PASSION SUNDAY, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*A Private Celebration of the Eucharist will be said at 9.30am  
A Live Streaming of the Service at St Albans Abbey,  
the Mother Church of the Diocese, can be joined at 10.00am  
via <https://www.youtube.com/user/stalbanscathedral>  
7.00pm Light a Candle to share the Light of Christ*

### SUNDAY 5 APRIL:

Vicarage

### PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK

*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:**

our Hospitals and all health professionals  
our Schools, shops, and other services  
HM Government and advisors

those who are infected and their families  
those who are self-isolating  
those who are anxious

**those who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Trevor Boyce, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Michele Finch, Margaret Gunning, Tom Hood, John Hutton, Beryl King, Nicholas King, Leah, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Emmanuel Quist-Therson, 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:**

John Jones, Sylvia Shaw, Janet Hislop,

**and we pray for their families and friends.**

**Years mind 22-28 March:** Rosemary Croxford (29.03.17), Pauline Lane (29.03.18), Violet Parkinson (29.03.18)

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** St Paul's Church, Highfield (Anglican)



## PARISH NOTICES

**CLOCKS CHANGE:** The annual conundrum of whether the clock will change automatically is upon us. From Sunday we enter British Summer Time. A positive of not being able to gather for services – no-one will know if you forget! Enjoy the longer evenings.

**GOOD NEWS:** Marion Penfold, a stalwart of the 8.00am Holy Communion Service saw her consultant this week and was told she's doing so well she is to come off all her medication. Marion: we celebrate with you. Stay well and see you soon – we hope.

### **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. Many took part last week – can we make the light brighter.
- Thank you to all who are 'phone-buddying' members of the congregation. Please keep this up for the duration of enforced social distancing and isolating. It is very much appreciated.
- 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.
- Sadly, the Archbishops have ordered that all Churches are fully closed – even for private prayer. With heavy hearts we have followed this directive and await news as to when we might be able to open the doors again.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** As we enter Passiontide and travel with Christ in the way of his suffering you are invited to walk with Christ the *Via dolorosa* by meditating upon the 14 punctuation marks of Christ's final few hours of life. There are 14 stations and 14 evenings between Passion Sunday and Easter Eve. Why not spend some time each evening on each station? Stations and Meditations can be found on the Website.

**WORSHIP RESOURCES:** Due to illness the resources are coming out slower than we would like. BUT... this week resources for children and families will be uploaded, a filmed Service of Night Prayer (Compline), hymns to sing along to. Some of this won't be available till next Sunday, but it's coming...

**STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION:** This Service was due to be held tonight. Perhaps you might like to listen to it anyway? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfUtAMghNVs> is a good recording from Peterborough Cathedral.

**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** 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.

**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](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

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**PARISH MAGAZINE:** Please note that the deadline for articles 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](mailto: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**.

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