

NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 5 APRIL:

Vicarage

our homes

HOLY MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Vicarage

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Vicarage

GOOD FRIDAY

Vicarage & homes

HOLY SATURDAY

SUNDAY 12 APRIL:

Vicarage

our homes

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK

9.30am *The Holy Eucharist will be said for the life of the Parish
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**

8.00pm *The Holy Eucharist will be said
– reflections will be available online*

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– worship resources will be available online*

2.00pm **An Hour at the Cross**
– worship resources will be available online
Easter Garden Competition
– All entries submitted for judging via Facebook

EASTER DAY – THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

9.30am **The Parish Easter Eucharist**
– worship resources will be available online
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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;

If you wish to be remembered at Morning and Evening Prayer only, please contact the Vicar.

those who have died recently:

Anne Higham *funeral: 15 April, attended by family only – A Service of Thanksgiving will be arranged*
Janet Hislop, Margaret Edwards,

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 22-28 March: Derek Peters (05.04.15), Marion Stillman (06.04.16), Lilian Goddard (07.04.19),
Dennis Hull (08.04.17), Samuel Gardener (09.04.17), Walter Herbert (09.04.18), Joyce Gower (09.04.19)

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Our Hospital and Hospice Chaplains

PARISH NOTICES

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 contact the Ruth or the Vicar once a week to let us know how everyone is.
- 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.
- Please pray for our health care professionals, all who are sick, and all who mourn at this time.

ANNE HIGHAM RIP: It is with sadness that we share the news of Anne's death in the early hours of Wednesday morning. She died peacefully surrounded by love and prayer. Our sincere condolences to Geoffrey and their family. The funeral will be small and private. A Service of Thanksgiving for Anne's life is hoped for as soon as restrictions are relaxed.

PALM SUNDAY: Normally Palm Crosses are distributed and we process to church. Regrettably that can't happen this year. Please make your own – maybe out of paper – to use as visual aide this week. A tutorial can be found at <https://www.mommynippets.com/paper-palm-crosses>. Worship resources – including music for hymns are available on our website www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Sorry... we didn't manage to get these up in time for last Sunday. Stations of the Cross for Children and Adults can be found on our Website. A great resource to use to contemplate the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and the depth of his love during this most Holy Week. Particularly appropriate for Good Friday.

WORSHIP RESOURCES: New Worship Resources have been uploaded to the Website (see link above). They include a Service for Families to use at home; Palm Sunday and Holy Week resources; Compline; Music for singing hymns, Daily Prayer resources. Do check them out. We will continue to put our weekly Sermons online too.

EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION: Design and make your own Easter Garden to tell the Easter story. Take a photo and post it on www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchboxmoor for a chance to win a prize. Be as creative as you like. Open to all ages. Why not put the Garden in your front window or front garden to show others the *Good News*.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: With church Services suspended those of you who usually give through numbered envelopes and are still able to manage some regular giving are invited to contact our Treasurer Chris Angell on 01442 244158 to discuss alternative ways of donating or getting your envelopes to us (sending cash through the post is never a good idea).

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 **May 2020** magazine is **Sunday 12 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 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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