

NEWSLETTER

**ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP ARE SUSPENDED WITHIN THE PARISH
BY ORDER OF THE ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK
& OUR CHURCHES ARE SHUT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

<u>SUNDAY 12 APRIL:</u>	<u>EASTER DAY – THE DAY OF RESURRECTION</u>
<i>Vicarage</i>	9.30am The Parish Easter Eucharist <i>– worship resources will be available online</i> 10.00am A Live Streaming of the Service at St Albans Abbey, <i>the Mother Church of the Diocese, can be joined via</i> https://www.youtube.com/user/stalbanscathedral
<i>our homes</i>	7.00pm Light a Candle to share the Light of Christ
EASTER WEEK	<i>No public Services.</i> <i>Do please make use of the Daily Prayer materials on the Website.</i>
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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	those who are infected and their families
our Schools, shops, and other services	those who are self-isolating
HM Government and advisors	those who are anxious

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Trevor Boyce, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Michele Finch, Tom Hood, 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, Margaret 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, Emmanuel Quist-Therson, 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, Ernie Jordan, Gloria Davidson-Wright, Margaret Edwards, Caroline Walker, Katie Walker, Gary Walker,

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 12 -18 April: Margaret Birchall (12.04.15), Hazel Mitchell (13.04.18), Digby Stott (14.04.18)

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: All Christian communities celebrating the resurrection of Jesus



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.

EASTER CROSS: We might not be in our church buildings but we can still show the depth of God's love on the Cross and the joy of his resurrection in our community. Once again a plain Cross will be placed outside St John's on Good Friday. Please transform this from Easter Day into a Cross that is alive with colour with flowers or material, but only if you happen to walk that walk on your daily exercise. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WORSHIP RESOURCES: New Worship Resources have been uploaded to the Website (link below) and more will continue to be added each week. For those who miss the Lighting of the Fire and the singing of the Exsultet a video is also available, sung by the Vicar. www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources

EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION: It's not too late to 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*. The Vicar will choose the winning entry on Easter Day.

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).

MASJ PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the March draw; Garth Bridgwood 1st £15, Gina Harbour 2nd £8, Catherine Holness 3rd £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019.

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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