

# 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.**

**SUNDAY 26 APRIL:**

*Vicarage*

*our homes*

**SUNDAY 3 MAY:**

*Vicarage*

*our homes*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**9.30am The Parish Easter Eucharist**

*– worship resources will be available online*

*Nb NO APCM*

*10.00am A Live Streaming of the Service at St Albans Abbey,  
the Mother Church of the Diocese, can be joined via  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/stalbanscathedral>*

**7.00pm Light a Candle to share the Light of Christ**

*No public Services during the Week.*

*Do please make use of the Daily Prayer materials on the Website.*

**ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST – PATRON SAINT OF THIS PARISH**

**9.30am The Parish Eucharist – Patronal Festival**

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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, John Hutton, Beryl 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, Tom Hood, Anne Hosier, Catherine Keppel, Nicholas King, 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:**

Jeanie McKill *funeral: 1 May, attended by family only*

Jenny Rodway *funeral: 4 May, attended by family only – A Service of Thanksgiving will be arranged*

Jim Robertson *funeral: 4 May, attended by family only*

Len Taylor *funeral: 11 May, attended by family only – A Service of Thanksgiving will be arranged*

Margaret Edwards,

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

**Years mind 25 April – 2 May:** Violet Large (28.04.17), Joan Corcoran (30.04.16), Ronald Grover (01.05.17)

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** Dacorum Council and Councillors



## PARISH NOTICES

**EASTER CROSS:** Thank you to all who have been decorating the Cross outside St John's – transforming an instrument of death and pain into a symbol of life, joy, and colour. The cross is bringing hope to our community. Please continue to decorate the Cross with flowers or material throughout these 50 days of Easter, but only if you happen to walk that way on your daily exercise.

**CORONAVIRUS:** Sadly, but sensibly, we are still in 'lockdown' and all Services in are churches remain suspended. Worship resources remain available on our Website [www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources), with new content (hymns, sermons, Orders of Service) added each week. Please continue to pray for our key workers; for all who are sick; for those who mourn; for those who are anxious or lonely; and for one another as we journey together (but separately) through this devastating pandemic. Thank you to all who continue to phone and show love and care to members of our Parish. Please continue to let the clergy know if you are need, in any way. The clergy continue to hold you, the nation, and the life of our Parish, in their prayers each day.

**SCRUB BAGS AND MASKS:** Susie Martin from our 9.30am congregation has been making these for the NHS and care workers. If you have any old pillow cases or sheets that you no longer need or want, please contact Susie and she can collect and produce more of these to help these vital services and carer homes locally. Contact Susie on 07810 502180



**LEN TAYLOR RIP:** Our condolences, prayers, and best wishes to Beryl Taylor and her family upon the peaceful passing of her husband, Len Taylor, on Sunday night. It is hoped a Memorial Service will be held later in the year for extended family and friends to pay their respects and celebrate Len's life. The funeral will be attended by immediate family only.

**ONLINE COFFEE-MORNING/ EVENING HAPPY HOUR:** With much of our social and personal interaction denied at this time through lockdown the Vicar proposes holding some virtual Coffee Mornings and Evening Happy Hours. These will be via Zoom (an online video platform) and a chance for multiple people to see each other, speak to each other, share with each other, and laugh together. Just have a drink of your choosing and join the chat. *Please email the Vicar if you are interested and he'll send you the link.*

**Coffee Morning: Wednesday 29 April at 11.00am**

**Evening Happy Hour: Thursday 30 April at 8.15pm**

**PARISH MAGAZINE – MAY 2020:** By **1 May** this will be available on the Parish website. [www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/magazine](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/magazine) We are sorry not to be able to print and deliver copies as usual but hope you will still enjoy the various articles online. Those who do not have internet facilities may receive a copy on request. Thanks to Sally-Anne our Editor for putting it all together. The deadline for articles for the **June 2020** magazine is **Sunday 10 May**, 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 send to 27 Beechfield Road. Sally-Anne Bates, Editor. Tel: 266912.

**DENS SUPPORT:** Thanks to all who continue to support the work DENS do in our community. Please see their website for items they desperately need for the Food Bank. If you are able to donate, money or produce, they would be hugely grateful – their services are in need more than ever during lockdown.

**PRAYER AND PICTURES:** At Morning and Evening Prayer each month every member of the Church community is prayed for by name. The Vicar misses seeing your faces – can you help him out by sending to him a picture of you and your family? Pictures can either be posted to the Vicarage or emailed on the address below. Many thanks.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL:** You can receive a copy of this Newsletter every week by email. Send your email address to [stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) and you will be added to the distribution list.

**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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