

NEWSLETTER

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

<u>SUNDAY 31 MAY:</u>	<u>PENTECOST</u>	
<i>St John's</i>	9.30am	The Parish Eucharist – worship resources will be available online as the Vicar offers the Eucharist in church – A recording will be available at 9.30am on the Parish website.
	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
Tuesday	8.00pm	No public Services during the Week.
Wednesday	11.00am	PCC Standing Committee – via Zoom
Thursday	8.15pm	Coffee Morning via Zoom – request link from the Vicar Happy Hour Drinks via Zoom – request link from the Vicar
<u>SUNDAY 7 JUNE:</u>	<u>THE HOLY & UNDIVIDED TRINITY</u>	
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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, advisors and researchers

for all who are infected and their families
for all who are self-isolating and anxious
for all where relationship are violent or broken

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Jeremy Barton, Becky, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Michele Finch, Jean, John Hutton, Beryl King, Leah, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Vicky, Pauline Webb;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, Trevor Boyce, 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, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, Marion Roff, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Ken Warby, 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:

Jenny Wade, Trevor Bailey, Michele Lafleur, Margaret Wyatt

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 31 May–6 June: John Bailey (31.5.19), Isabella Savage (2.6.16), John Maguire (4.6.17), Jean Gale (5.6.18).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: A fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all our Churches



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PARISH NOTICES

EASTER CROSS: Every time I have passed the St John's on my daily exercise I have been impressed by the number and colour of the flowers on our Cross this Eastertide – and that's despite the initial difficulty in getting flowers and the unusually prolonged spell of warm weather. Thank you to all who have decorated the Cross and shown our community that we are alive in the risen Christ. If you would like to decorate once more, it will remain in situ until Saturday 6 June.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

Sadly our buildings remain closed but... The Church is still alive and kicking and rejoicing in our risen and ascended Lord. We await news from our Bishops with guidance as to when we can re-open the doors for private and public prayer. This week the glass doors will be open each day for you to come into the porch and light candles/leave prayer requests. Please use the sanitiser available.

- The Eucharist will be celebrated and broadcast from St John's each Sunday. Worship resources remain available on our Website www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources
- Please keep praying for our Key Workers, each other, and all those infected and affected by this horrible virus.
- Please keep phoning/writing to each other and helping where there is need.

THY KINGDOM COME: Thanks to everyone who has taken part in this global wave of prayer. Now that we have prayed for folk to come and know Jesus it's time to discern how we can invite them to services/discussions/coffee – when our buildings open – and hope they are able to respond.

WORSHIPPING WITHOUT THE INTERNET: There are some members of the congregation who struggle with the internet or don't have a computer. Hopefully you have been receiving the Order of Service for the Parish Eucharist from your buddies or another source. If you would like to join a service via the Phone, the Church of England has launched DAILY HOPE – a 24 hour free-phone line with a service, music, prayers etc. Call 0800 804 8044.

FINANCIAL GIVING: Thank you to everyone who has continued to give to the Church during the pandemic. Many who would normally give by the plate or envelope schemes have been asking how they can continue to give. Various ways exist: 1) keep the collection in a jar at home and bring when services return. 2) Join the Parish Giving Scheme which is via Direct Debit (ask Chris or the Vicar for details). 3) Give by cheque payable to *St John's Boxmoor PCC* and post to the church/Vicarage. In all of the above if you can Gift Aid your giving then the government will increase your gift by 25%. Details of the above can be found on our website.

ONLINE COFFEE-MORNING/ EVENING HAPPY HOUR: Our Online Social gatherings via Zoom seem to be going well. Everyone appears to be enjoying seeing each other. You would be most welcome to join these weekly gatherings.

Please email the Vicar if you are interested and he'll send you the link.

Coffee Morning: Wednesdays at 11.00am Evening Happy Hour: Thursdays at 8.15pm

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS: Many have commented on how tidy the church grounds are looking. Sincere thanks to the small group of people who have been working hard at this – all at the required distance. There are many jobs to be done to make the grounds look loved and cared for. Is this something you can help with? If you would like to help please contact the Vicar /Job Rombout/ Lorraine Ioannou.

DENS SUPPORT: Thanks to all who continue to support the work DENS do in our community. Please see their website <https://www.dens.org.uk> 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.

PARISH MAGAZINE: The **JUNE MAGAZINE** is now available online and in hard copy for those who prefer hardcopy/are unable to access it online. Would those who wish to have a hardcopy (and have not notified the Vicar already) please contact either Alan Munford or the Vicar so a copy can be sent out. Thank you.

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.

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**.