

NEWSLETTER

**ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP ARE SUSPENDED WITHIN THE PARISH
BY ORDER OF THE ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK
CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FROM MONDAY 15 JUNE 2020.**

SUNDAY 14 JUNE:

St John's

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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>

No public Services during the Week.

St John's open every day 9.30am-5.00pm for Private Prayer

Wednesday

11.00am

Coffee Morning via Zoom – request link from the Vicar

Thursday

8.15pm

Happy Hour Drinks via Zoom – request link from the Vicar

SUNDAY 21 JUNE:

ST ALBAN'S DAY PILGRIMAGE

No Parish Eucharist this week

10.00am

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

Guest preacher: The Reverend Richard Coles.

Order of Service available on our website.

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, Stella Chandler, Derek Cordery, Michele Finch, Jean, John Hutton, Beryl King, Nicholas King, Leah, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Mark Wade, 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, 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, Vicky, 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:

Sidney Smith funeral: 11 June *attended by family members only*

Stella Chandler, Michele Lafleur, Margaret Wyatt, Peter Badcock.

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 14 - 20 June: Glenda Ellis (15.6.19), Keith Barton (14.6.16).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church.

PARISH NOTICES

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

- As of Monday 15 June St John's will be open for Private Prayer. Please follow the guidance in church regarding distancing. Prayer Resources will be available.
- Funerals can also now be conducted in church. We await further guidance on when we can re-open for Weddings and other forms of Public Worship.
- 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.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY: The Bishop and Dean of St Albans have invited every Parish in our Diocese to join the Cathedral community as we celebrate the life and witness of St Alban. Usually a big day of pilgrimage takes place with a procession through the city centre – alas that won't be possible this year. But the Ministry Team, knowing that many have joined the Cathedral services during lockdown, have decided that our Parish should join the Cathedral's service. We will therefore not have a broadcast service from St John's next Sunday. Please see our Website to download a copy of the Order of Service.

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

CHURCH WORKS: Despite the unbroken sunshine departing for a while the group working on the Memorial Garden and the upkeep of the paths and suchlike on the south-side of St John's have done a sterling job. The new raised flower bed (which will be for Roses in memory of loved ones) is nearly completed; paths are repaired and cleaned; gates cleaned and soon to be painted; grass cut; bike 'racks' installed; benches repaired and repainted; and a whole lot more. Sincere thanks are offered for all their hard work. If anyone would like to be part of this Maintenance Crew please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens.

BIBLES FOR CHILDREN: Our Parish has for many years supported the work of *Bibles for Children* in the 8 schools in our Parish and our Standing Committee, on behalf of the PCC, have been considering what we might do this year, given our greatly reduced resources and the charity's increased need. The conclusion was that the PCC should donate £250 but challenge the Parish to raise a matching or better donation by way of a "virtual bucket collection". So, if any of you feel able to further support the work of *Bibles for Children* please send a cheque, made payable to "St Johns Boxmoor PCC" and with "Bibles for Children Appeal" on the back, to our Treasurer, Chris Angell, at 61 Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4AQ, or to the Vicar at the Parish Office or the Vicarage and they'll ensure every penny of your donation goes to *Bibles for Children* along with that from the PCC.

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**.

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