

NEWSLETTER

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

SUNDAY 21 JUNE:

St John's

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – 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 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

St Francis open Wednesday & Sunday 3.00-5.00pm 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 28 JUNE:

St John's

THIRD 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>*

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 relationships are violent or broken

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

Stella Chandler funeral: 2 July *attended by family members only*

Michele Lafleur, Mark Wade, Peter Knight

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 21 - 27 June: Philip Worth (21.1.19), Jean Kiff (25.6.16), Kathleen Barrett (27.6.15).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St Mary and St Joseph Catholic Church, Boxmoor.

PARISH NOTICES

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

- St John's and St Francis' are now **OPEN** for **PRIVATE PRAYER** as follows:
 - St John's is open for Private Prayer 9.30am-5.00pm every day (Saturdays 10.30am-5.30pm).
 - St Francis' will be open on Wednesdays and Sundays 3.00-5.00pmPlease 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.

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.

TOGETHER ON MONDAYS CLUB: *Message to members:* Just before lockdown we all paid our annual subs for 2020. This was immediately followed by the cancellation of all this year's club events. Di and I have agreed that the easiest course of action is to hold these subscription over until next year. If you would prefer to have this year's subscription refunded to you please let me know. Otherwise I will assume that you are happy to roll your 2020 subs over for 2021. Many thanks and stay safe. Ian, 'phone 214126 or email, toms@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk

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

BOOKS AVAILABLE: Thank you to those people who took some of the books I had last week and gave me a donation for church funds. Over £30 received already. There are plenty left on the original list and today there is a new list of 100 or so paperback fiction books given to me this week. Email me if you would like any of them or call me on 01442 242543 to arrange collection/delivery. Many thanks. Alan Munford

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: Thank you very much for your generosity to date in matching – and bettering – the donation from the PCC to this important local Christian initiative. As it stands we will be donating £600 to Bibles for Children but it is not too late to donate should you wish. Please send your donation to the Parish Office (Cheques payable to St John's Boxmoor PCC – with *Bibles for Children* referenced on the back). Thank you once again.

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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