

NEWSLETTER

PUBLIC WORSHIP SUSPENDED IN THIS PARISH ST JOHN'S OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST:

10.00am Virtual Parish Eucharist *Website*
Service is available to join at any time after 8.00am on the Parish Website

Daily

9.30-5.00 *Church open for Private Prayer*
The Vicar will say Morning and Evening Prayer privately

Wednesday

NO Service of Holy Communion

Thursday

11.00am Zoom Coffee Morning *Zoom*

8.00pm Happy Hour Drinks *Zoom*

SUNDAY 17 JANUARY:

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10.00am Virtual Parish Eucharist *Website*
Service is available to join at any time after 8.00am on the Parish Website

OUR 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

for all who are infected and their families
for all who are anxious or struggling financially

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Beryl King, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Daphne Pullen, Baby Christopher Rhoden, Marion Roff, Stanley Rose, Alan Smith, Pauline Webb;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Berry, Trevor Boyce, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Michele Finch, Derek Frost, Gerda, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, John & Debby, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Ian, Catherine Keppel, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Samuel & James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, 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 and we pray for their families and friends.

Peter Wing funeral: Wednesday 20 January, 1.00pm, West Herts Crematorium – Family only
Sheila Charge funeral: Wednesday 20 January, 3.00pm, St John's – Family only

those whose Years mind is this week: 10 - 16 January: Sydney Norris (10.01.18), John Marshall (11.01.17), Pamela Quinlan (14.01.19), Alice Jones (15.01.20), Norah Norris (16.01.20),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: The Anglican Deanery of Hemel Hempstead – Rural Dean: The Vicar; Asst Rural Dean: Fr James McDonald; Lay Chair: Rosina Gaddes

PARISH NOTICES

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

- The Standing Committee of the PCC have resolved that, although Public Worship is permitted by the Government, we do not believe it is safe for us to Worship physical for the time being. This decision was not taken lightly but is felt to be the most responsible thing we can do.
- National Lockdown requires us to *Stay at Home* other than for essential shopping or medical appointments, or for work reasons, or for daily exercise.
- St John's remains open for Private Prayer 9.30am-5.00pm every day (Saturdays 10.30am-5.00pm). Please follow the guidance in church regarding distancing. Prayer resources will be available. Our churches remain Covid-secure places and as safe as we can make them but gathering in large numbers is not advised at this time.
- Funerals can still be conducted in church.
- The Eucharist will be celebrated and broadcast from St John's each week and can be joined from 8.00am 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.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Celebrations as light-filled, hopeful, and safe as we could. The overwhelming response from the wider community has been pleasure at the Christmas Tree Festival and Carols round the trees not to mention our excellent our Carol Services (supported by a generous grant from MaSJ) and all our other services. A lot of hard work went into enable physical public worship over Christmas and it was much appreciated.

SHEILA CHARGE RIP: It is with sadness that we share the news that Sheila died last Sunday. Her health had been deteriorating for some time but her passing to be reunited with Henry was peaceful. Sheila's funeral will be in St John's on 20 January but attendance is limited to family only. It might be possible to form a 'guard of honour' for Sheila as enters/leaves church but this will need to be confirmed in next week's Newsletter. We send our warmest condolences to Sheila's family and friends. Rest in Peace, Sheila.

PETER WING RIP: Many will remember Peter who was a longstanding member of St John's. Sadly, he too died last weekend. His funeral will be held at West Herts Crematorium on Wednesday 20 January – attendance by family only. We extend our warmest condolences to Peter's family and friends. Rest in peace, Peter.

ONLINE GIVING: Please continue to support the Mission and Ministry of the Parish through your weekly/monthly financial giving. With Public Worship suspended it is not possible to put envelopes/loose cash in the plate. Please either hold-on to you offering until we are able to resume Public Worship or consider making your offering by Direct Debit or online. This is now possible via our website www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/donate For more information about Direct Debits please speak to the Vicar/Treasurer. We have also installed a card reader for contact card donations since cash/plate giving is trickier at the moment. Thank you for your generosity in funding the Mission of the Church.

PARISH OFFICE: The office will be closed to the public until further notice.

BON CHANCE: Many will know Gilda Axtell – member of St John's. This Sunday was due to have been her last Sunday with us due to her impending move to the South Coast. We wish her well in her new home.

VIRTUAL SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

- **HAPPY HOUR:** The next Happy Hour will be Thursday 14 January at 8.00pm on Zoom. All are welcome. For login details please contact the Vicar. Feel free to suggest a drink/theme for the evening.
- **COFFEE MORNING:** Every Wednesday at 11.00am on Zoom. All are welcome. For login details please contact the Vicar.
- **VIRTUAL QUIZ:** Plans were in place to hold a Virtual Quiz next Saturday but the necessary admin surrounding Lockdown and organising a Quiz have conflicted. A new date of Saturday 23 January, on Zoom and Kahoot! is proposed. If you are interested please email the Vicar. Teams of up to 4 people (from the same household/support bubble or innovative use of technology), £5 per person. Start time 8.00pm. A perfect way to pass a dull January evening in Lockdown!

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