

NEWSLETTER

PUBLIC WORSHIP SUSPENDED IN THIS PARISH

ST JOHN'S OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY:

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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

11.00am Zoom Coffee Morning *Zoom*
8.00pm PCC Standing Committee *Zoom*

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

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	for all who are infected and their families
our schools, shops, and other services	for all who are anxious or struggling financially
our vaccination centres and all who volunteer	for all who mourn loved ones

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, Ken Warby;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Berry, Trevor Boyce, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Gill Dow, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Michele Finch, Derek Frost, 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, 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.

Doreen Page funeral: 11 February at 12.30pm, West Herts Crematorium

those whose Years mind is this week: 7–13 February: Keith Travi (7.2.20), Martin Hammond (7.2.18), Peter Clarke (8.2.18), Anthony Foster (10.2.17), Derek Rogers (13.2.17).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Pray Hemel – Christians from many churches, meeting together on the first Saturday of each month, to worship and pray for many aspects of life in our town

PARISH NOTICES

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

- Public Worship within the Parish remains suspended.
- Case numbers remain high although they have dropped significantly in the last week
- 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.

SHIRLEY PAYNE RIP: It is with sadness that we share the news that Shirley died on January 18. Many will remember Shirley who was a longstanding member of St John's. We extend our warmest condolences to Shirley's family and friends. Rest in peace, Shirley.

CANDLES: Thank you to everyone who has responded to the appeal for candles for those living on the waterways. It's not too late to donate some candles if you so wish. If you have any spare candles please let the Vicar know and we can make these available.

LENT: Plans are formulating for how we might be able to observe Lent this year. The Vicar will update you in his letter in the next week or two.

MAGAZINE: The February edition of the Magazine is now available. For those who do not have this delivered, a supply is available in the porch at St John's.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the January Music Percentage Club draw: Garth Bridgwood 1st £15, Jennie Whitefield 2nd £8, Catherine Holness 3rd £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019.

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.

VIRTUAL SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

- **HAPPY HOUR:** The next Happy Hour will be Thursday 4 March 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.

PARISH OFFICE: The office will be closed to the public until further notice. Hilary will be available via email and on the phone on Tuesday afternoons.

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