

# NEWSLETTER

## **PUBLIC WORSHIP SUSPENDED IN THIS PARISH**

### **ST JOHN'S OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

#### **SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY:**

#### **SECOND NEXT 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*

Shrove Tuesday

**Ash Wednesday**

10.00am

**Virtual Holy Communion with Blessing of Ashes**

*Website*

11.00am

Zoom Coffee Morning

*Zoom*

#### **SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY:**

#### **FIRST SUNDAY OF 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

our schools, shops, and other services

our vaccination centres and all who volunteer

for all who are infected and their families

for all who are anxious or struggling financially

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;

**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.**

Roy Buck funeral: 23 February at 4.00pm, Chilterns Crematorium

Fiona Lear, Doreen Page, Ken Warby,

**those whose Years mind is this week: 14-20 February:** George Poulteney (16.2.19), Vera Knight (18.2.20).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** For all Christians as they prepare for the period of Lent.

## 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](http://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.

**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Although we are not able to meet together for our usual service with imposition of ashes a special Eucharist will be uploaded to our website for 10.00am on Wednesday morning. This can be viewed at any point after that throughout the day. We hope it will be helpful for you as we enter into the season of Lent.

**LENT:** Please see the Vicar's Letter for details.

**KEN WARBY RIP:** It is with great sadness we announce the death of Ken Warby, long-time member of the Church at St Stephen's and member of various Church groups. Ken died peacefully in hospital in the early hours of Friday morning. Arrangements for his funeral are still to be made. We extend our heart-felt condolences and prayers to Rae and their families.

**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](http://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.

**HALF-TERM:** During this coming week, the Vicar will be taking a week's annual leave to recover from home schooling. He will still be contactable in emergencies. The Wednesday Zoom Coffee Morning will be able to happen as normal.

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