

# NEWSLETTER

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

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

#### **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*

*Daily*

9.30-5.00

*Church open for Private Prayer*

*The Vicar will say Morning and Evening Prayer privately*

Tuesday

8.00pm

Deanery Synod

*Zoom*

Wednesday

11.00am

Zoom Coffee Morning

*Zoom*

8.00pm

Church Meeting: Finance Committee

*Zoom*

#### **SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY:**

#### **SECOND 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, John 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

Doris Owen funeral: 25 February at 2.40pm, West Herts Crematorium

Fiona Lear funeral: 22 March at 10.00am, St John's Church

Doreen Page, Ken Warby,

**those whose Years mind is this week: 21-27 February:** John Jones (22.2.20), Joan Ibbett (23.2.19), Sylvia Shreeves (23.2.18), Rev'd Valerie Rockall (23.2.17), Marjorie Hunt (24.2.18), Barbara Potts (25.2.20), Alwyn Brodrick (25.2.17), Ernest Fletcher (25.2.17), Alan Craddock (25.2.16), Baby Saskia (26.2.18), Ann Frogley (26.2.18).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** St Mary's, Apsley.

## PARISH NOTICES

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:**

We hope to be able to re-open for Public Worship on Sunday 21 March, Passion Sunday, if the case rate continues to decrease. Until then:

- Public Worship within the Parish remains suspended.
- Case numbers have dropped significantly in the last few weeks
- 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.

**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 your 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.

**SCHOOLS WITHIN THE PARISH:** At the start of a new half-term, please continue to pray for the 8 schools in our parish – their pupils, staff, governors. The majority of these children will be home schooling, some of whom will be struggling with technology, lack of pupil/teacher contact, and isolation. Please also pray for the parents juggling home schooling, work commitments, and parenting younger children.

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