

NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

Tuesday	8.00pm	Communications Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Wednesday	11.00am	Zoom Coffee Morning	<i>Zoom</i>
	8.00pm	Fundraising Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Thursday	8.00pm	Happy Hour	<i>Zoom</i>

SUNDAY 7 MARCH:

THIRD 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	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;

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.

Fiona Lear funeral: 22 March at 10.00am, St John's Church
Ken Warby: funeral: 23 March at 2.00pm, St John's Church
Doris Owen, Roy Buck, Doreen Page.

those whose Years mind is this week: 28 February – 6 March: Jack Sweet (28.2.19), Beryl Millington (1.3.19), Olive Rolph (4.3.16), Susan Brown (4.3.16),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Carey Baptist Church.

PARISH NOTICES

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
- 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.

PARISH MAGAZINE: The March issue of the Magazine is now available. Copies are available at St John's if you don't have yours delivered.

PARISH MAGAZINE DELIVERY: I have an urgent need for somebody to take over a round of 4 deliveries in the Lockers Park, Park Road area. If you can help please contact me. Many thanks. Alan Munford (01442 242543).

MOTHERING SUNDAY: Plans are in place for posies to be blessed on Thursday 11 March and left in the porch of St John's ready for you to collect (as you wish) whilst on your daily walk. It may well be possible to deliver some posies too. If you are not able to collect a posy please let the Vicar or Marian Davies know.

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 this week - 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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