**Boxmoor Parish Easter Appeal 2021**

Dear Friends

This year’s Churchwardens’ Easter Appeal aims to raise funds to allow us to invest in upgrading our internet connectivity at St John’s Church and purchasing of recording equipment to ‘live‑stream’ our services direct to ***YouTube*** without the need for extra editing, converting, or uploading.

Over the last twelve months, during the pandemic, we have been recording services, especially while the church buildings were closed for public worship. Making these recordings has been very time consuming for Fr Mike, Carole, and particularly Keith, (who has developed new skills that have nothing to do with music!)

We are very grateful for the effort that has gone into producing these recordings week by week which have allowed us to watch the main service each week.

Once we are able to return to a more ‘normal’ pattern of worship at St John’s we would like to continue with sharing our services on-line as they happen, reaching out to the housebound and those who, for whatever reason, do not want or cannot attend in person. We would also wish to extend this to Evensong and special services such as funerals, weddings, and baptisms where relatives might not be able to attend due to distance/infirmity.

The project will involve:

a fourth (or fifth) generation mobile telephone network connection to allow us to upload, that is to ‘stream’, the video image data online. (Our current broadband connection is too slow and cannot be upgraded to the required upload speed);

web camera equipment and an all-in-one video production system which will make it easy to stream and record.

This will allow us to record any service and share it through selected Web platforms, without extra effort from our clergy or organist and at the same time make our worship accessible to all in the community who are unable to join us in church.

Our target is to raise £2,500 by this appeal. We hope you will be able to support this project and can see the value in what we have been able to do during the past year and are hoping for in the future.

To give electronically please transfer money accordingly:

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If you are able to GiftAid your donation please let us know. Envelopes are available should you prefer to give via cash or cheque.

Thank you all for your support and contributions.

Job Rombout and Marian Davies,

Churchwardens,

Boxmoor Parish