

# NEWSLETTER

## **PUBLIC WORSHIP SUSPENDED IN THIS PARISH UNTIL 21 MARCH**

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

#### **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*

Daily

9.30-5.00

*Church open for Private Prayer*

*The Vicar will say Morning and Evening Prayer privately*

Wednesday

11.00am

Zoom Coffee Morning

Zoom

#### **SUNDAY 14 MARCH:**

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY**

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, Baby Emily Cox, Beryl King, Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Daphne Pullen, Baby Christopher Rhoden, Stanley Rose;

**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, 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, Marion Roff, 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: 24 March at 2.00pm, St John's Church

Alan Smith, Doris Owen,

**those whose Years mind is this week: 7 – 13 March:** Graham Tricker (9.3.20), Tracey Steel (9.3.19), Bobby Havinden (10.3.18), John Penfold (10.3.17), Ruby Brook (12.2.18).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** Liberty Tea Room – a Christian presence in the heart of our town.

## 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](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.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Posies will 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. There will also be family-friendly craft resources on our website for children.

**KEN WARBY'S FUNERAL:** Ken's funeral will take place on Wednesday 24 March at 2.00pm in St John's. Attendance is limited to 30 people for this service. If you would like to physically pay your respects you would be welcome to line the route from the hearse to the church as the service begins. The service is to be recorded and will be on our website the following day.

**BABY EMILY CHARLOTTE CECILIA COX:** Our congratulations to Katherine and Jonny Cox (née Boyce) on the arrival of Baby Emily last week. Although Emily is premature and in the special care unit in hospital both she and Katherine are progressing well. Your prayers are most welcome for Emily as she continues to grow and develop.

**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:**

- **APRIL'S HAPPY HOUR:** The next Happy Hour will be on Thursday 15 April 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 MAGAZINE:** The March issue of the Magazine is now available. Copies are available at St John's if you don't have yours delivered.

**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION:** Our Electoral Roll will be updated before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25 April. To vote at this meeting you must be on the Roll. Forms for new members are located near the doors of our churches when open, or available from the Electoral Roll Officer, Ian Packe. A copy of the current roll is available for inspection in the Parish Office or also from Ian. Please check your entry on this Roll and *only* submit a new form if any details have changed. Forms may be deposited in the boxes provided no later than 4 April. Thank you. *Ian Packe*, 214126 or email [electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

Enclosed with this week's newsletter is a copy of the official Church of England legally required notice of the Electoral Roll revision.

**GET ONE – GIVE ONE:** As the vaccination roll-out continues with speed in this country have you considered, in thankfulness for your job, giving someone else in another country the chance to receive theirs by donating to COVAX or Christian Aid? <https://covaxamc.ctdonate.org/> or <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>

**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.