

NEWSLETTER

PUBLIC WORSHIP SUSPENDED IN THIS PARISH UNTIL 21 MARCH ST JOHN'S OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

SUNDAY 14 MARCH:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY

	10.00am	Virtual Parish Eucharist	<i>Website</i>
		<i>Service is available to join at any time after 8.00am on the Parish Website</i>	
<i>Daily</i>	9.30-5.00	<i>Church open for Private Prayer</i>	
		<i>The Vicar will say Morning and Evening Prayer privately</i>	
Tuesday	8.00pm	PCC meeting – conducted by the Standing Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Wednesday		<i>St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland</i>	
	11.00am	Zoom Coffee Morning	<i>Zoom</i>
	8.00pm	MASJ meeting	<i>Zoom</i>
Friday		<i>St Joseph of Nazareth</i>	

SUNDAY 21 MARCH:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

PUBLIC WORSHIP RESUMES

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>St John's</i>
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
10.00am	Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
11.30am	<i>No service at St Stephen's</i>	
6.30pm	<i>No evening service</i>	

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, 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
Baby Emily Charlotte Cecilia, Alan Smith, Doris Owen.

those whose Years mind is this week: 14-20 March: Joseph Holmwood (15.3.18), Irene Roberts (15.3.18), Roy Chapman (16.3.18), Irene Hardwick (16.3.17), Gillian Langston (17.3.19), Ivy Dunnett (17.3.18), Barry Hooker (17.3.18), Bridget Arthur (20.3.18), Janet Anderson (17.3.17),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St Stephen's Church, Chaulden.

PARISH NOTICES

Public Worship resumes NEXT SUNDAY, Sunday 21 March, Passion Sunday. Until then:

- Public Worship within the Parish remains suspended.
- National Lockdown requires us to *Stay at Home* other than for essential shopping or medical appointments, 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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: Posies have been blessed and left in the porch of St John's ready for you to collect (as you wish) whilst on your daily walk. Available on a first come, first served basis. There are also family-friendly craft resources on our website for children <https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/mothering-sunday-at-home>

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 RIP: It is with great sadness that we share the news that Baby Emily passed away on Monday. Unfortunately she was more poorly than doctors had first believed. Thank you all for your prayers for Katherine, Jonny, and Emily – please continue to pray for them and their wider family in their grief.

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 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.

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

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>

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the February Music Percentage Club draw: 1st Marion Roff - £15; 2nd Zoe Harbour - £8; 3rd Richard Lyne - £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.

PARISH OFFICE: The office remains closed to the public until further notice. Hilary will be available via email and on the phone on Tuesday afternoons.