

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 28 MARCH:

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Blessing of Palms <i>This will begin outside (weather permitting)</i>	St John's
10.00am	Mass with Blessing of Palms	St Francis'
11.30am	Holy Communion with Blessing of Palms	
6.30pm	Virtual Service for Passiontide	Website
9.30-5.00	<i>Church open for Private Prayer</i> <i>The Vicar will say Morning and Evening Prayer privately</i>	

Daily

Holy Monday	8.00pm	Holy Communion with Reflection	St John's
Holy Tuesday	8.00pm	Holy Communion with Reflection	St John's
Holy Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	11.00am	Zoom Coffee Morning	Zoom
	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross	St Francis'
MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.00pm	Parish Eucharist without washing of feet <i>followed by The Watch</i>	St John's
GOOD FRIDAY	10.00am	All Age Stations of the Cross	St John's Churchyard
	2.00pm	An Hour at the Cross	St John's
Holy Saturday	8.00pm	Easter Vigil	

SUNDAY 4 APRIL:

EASTER DAY

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
10.00am	Parish Eucharist of Easter with Easter Ceremonies <i>This will begin outside (weather permitting)</i>	St John's & Website
10.00am	Mass of Easter Day	St Francis'
11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
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, 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, Chloë Lear, 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.

Baby Emily Charlotte Cecilia Cox: funeral tba
Fiona Lear, Ken Warby, Fr John Belither

those whose Years mind is this week: 28 March – 3 April: Herbert Lee Chung Sung (29.3.19), Pauline Lane (29.3.18), Violet Parkinson (29.3.18), Rosemary Croxford (29.3.17), Anne Higham (1.4.20), Peter Ewart-Brookes (1.4.18), Roger Green (3.4.20), James Robertson (3.4.20).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: For Christians to find ways of witnessing during Holy Week despite the Walk of Witness not happening.

PARISH NOTICES

COVID UPDATE:

- **ALL OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP**
- A reminder of Covid-Secure Measures:
 - Social Distancing to be observed
 - Face Coverings to be worn
 - Track & Trace will be in operation
 - Communion will be in one kind (Bread) – please follow the directions of the sidespeople.
 - No singing or socialising indoors.
 - Car sharing is not permitted in law unless you are in the same bubble/household.
- 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.
- The Eucharist will be celebrated and broadcast from St John's each week and can be joined from 8.00am each Sunday. This will no-longer contain the sermon (which will now be prepared for Sunday) but will be made available on our website prior to the Sunday morning service. Worship resources remain available for each Sunday 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.

PALM SUNDAY: The Parish Eucharist will begin outside on the area of grass between the church and Heath Lane. Blessed Palm Crosses will be distributed this year and left in St John's Porch for those unable to attend services in person.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER:

- Daily Eucharist with Reflection given by the Vicar asking the question "What are you doing here?" – Reflections will go on the Website after the last reflection on Wednesday.
- Maundy Thursday Eucharist will not have foot washing but will focus on the command to *love one another*, the gift of Christ in the Eucharist, and the Watch of prayer – with Christ – in the garden of Gethsemane.
- Good Friday All Age Stations of the Cross – ideal for families – will be held in the Churchyard. Stations will remain up over the Easter weekend for those unable to join at 10.00am with the Service Booklet available in the porch.
- Craft and other age appropriate materials have been created for children and are available on our website to help celebrate Easter.
- Easter Garden Competition: You are challenged to create an Easter Garden to be displayed in your garden/window over Easter. Winning entries will receive a prize. Open to all. Please email pictures to the Vicar. Winner to be announced on Easter morning.

CHURCHWARDENS EASTER APPEAL: Please see separate letter from the Churchwardens regarding installing technical equipment to enable Live-Streaming of our services at St John's.

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 UPDATE REMINDER: If you wish to be able to vote at the forthcoming APCM on 25th April and are not already included on the St John's Parish Electoral Roll, please complete an application form and place it in the box located at the main doors of our three churches. If you have any queries or difficulties please contact Ian Packe on 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>

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.