

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 18 APRIL:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

10.00am Mass St Francis'

11.30am Morning Worship St Stephen's

12noon Holy Baptism St John's

No Evening Service

Daily

9.30-5.00

Church open for Private Prayer

The Vicar will say Morning and Evening Prayer privately

Wednesday

10.00am BCP Holy Communion St John's

11.00am Zoom Coffee Morning Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer St Francis'

Friday

St George, Patron Saint of England

SUNDAY 25 APRIL:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) St John's

10.00am Parish Eucharist St John's

followed by the APCM

No morning services at St Francis' or St Stephen's

No Evening Service

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, Beryl King, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Daphne Pullen, Baby Christopher Rhoden, Stanley Rose;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Bery, 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

Fr John Belither,

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

those whose Years mind is this week:18-24 April: Len Taylor (19.4.20) and Joyce Baxter (24.4.20),

those being Baptised this week: Aaron Arjon Shehu and Annabella Noira Shehu.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Belmont Road Baptist Church.

Parish Office: The office remains closed to the public until further notice. Hilary will usually available via email and on the phone on Tuesday afternoons.

PARISH NOTICES

COVID UPDATE:

- **ALL OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP**

- A reminder of Covid-Secure Measures:
 - Social Distancing to be observed
 - Track & Trace will be in operation
 - Communion will be in one kind (Bread) – please be directed by the sidespeople.
 - Face Coverings to be worn
 - No singing or socialising indoors.
- 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 a paper copy 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.

NUMBERED ENVELOPES: Boxes of numbered envelopes for use from April 2021 by those in the Scheme are now available for collection at the back of St John's. This season's colour is green. Please let the Vicar or the Treasurer know if you are unable to collect yours at present so that delivery can be arranged.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the March Music Percentage Club draw: Nicholas King, 1st, £15; Sheila James, 2nd, £8; Peter Garner, 3rd, £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.

CHURCHWARDENS EASTER APPEAL: Thank you to all who have contributed to this Appeal. To date over £4000 – including GiftAid – has been donated. Thank you to all who have supported this appeal. We are now working to ensure the right system is installed as soon as possible.

VIRTUAL SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

- **COFFEE MORNING:** Every Wednesday at 11.00am on Zoom. All are welcome. For login details please contact the vicar.
- **HAPPY HOUR:** I'm delighted that Happy Hour has done its job in enabling fellowship during Lockdown. It has now run its course. Hopefully it will not be required again, but we may have some physical drinks in the Churchyard again this summer.

ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE REMINDER: The updated ELECTORAL ROLL is available for review at our three churches ready for the forthcoming APCM. The roll is now closed to new members until after the APCM but do please advise Ian Packe on 214126 or email electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk if you discover any errors.

APCM: A reminder that our Annual Parochial Church Meeting with election of PCC Members and Churchwardens is to take place on Sunday 25 April following the Parish Eucharist. Please consider offering yourself to serve this Parish as a member of the PCC. The Statutory Reports for the Meeting will be available next Sunday – both as hard copy and e-copy.

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>