

# NEWSLETTER

## 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*

Daily

9.30-5.00

*Church open for Private Prayer*

*The Vicar will say Morning and Evening Prayer privately*

Monday

**St Mark the Evangelist**

Wednesday

10.00am BCP Holy Communion St John's

11.00am Zoom Coffee Morning Zoom

5.00pm Evening Prayer St Francis'

## SUNDAY 2 MAY:

### FIFTH 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*

## 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, Kelvin Porter, 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.**

Colin Farenden

**those whose Years mind is this week: 25 April – 1 May:** Terence Dodd (25.4.19), Lyn Bevan (27.4.20), Violet Large (28.4.17), Joan Corcoran (30.4.16), Peter Grover (1.5.17).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** Our Member of Parliament and Dacorum Council and Councillors.

**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.

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## 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](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.

**APCM:** A reminder that our Annual Parochial Church Meeting with election of PCC Members and Churchwardens will be held this Sunday, Sunday 25 April, immediately after 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.

**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](mailto:electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) if you discover any errors.

**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.

**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.

**TINY TOTS RESTARTS:** Tuesday 4 May, 9.30–11.00am, in the Hall and Church yard of St John's. We are really looking forward to welcoming children back to St John's – we have missed you. Please bring your own refreshments as we can't offer them yet.

**VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING:** Every Wednesday at 11.00am on Zoom. All are welcome. For login details please contact the vicar.

**THANK YOU:** Katherine, Jonathan, Trevor and Julie wish to thank you all for your prayers, cards, flowers and support following the loss of our beloved baby Emily Charlotte Cecilia.

**SO LONG, FAREWELL:** Due to the disruption caused by the pandemic – especially to the aviation industry in which Janet worked – Janet, Tony, and Imogen Higgs have moved to St Davids, Pembrokeshire, Wales. They have been members of our Church for many years and will be greatly missed. We wish them well in their new life in Wales where Janet and Tony have retired and Imogen has completed her floristry qualifications.

**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>