

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 9 MAY:

ST JOHN'S DAY (TR) – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
10.00am	Patronal Eucharist	St John's
10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
11.30am	Holy Communion	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

Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	11.00am	Zoom Coffee Morning	Zoom
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'

Thursday

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

11.30am	Eucharist	St John's
8.00pm	Deanery Eucharist	Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill & online
	President: The Rural Dean; Preacher: The Assistant Rural Dean	

SUNDAY 16 MAY:

SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION – SEVENTH 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
	No Evening Service	

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, Robert Dow, 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.

John Paton funeral: 20 May at 1.00pm at St John's

those whose Years mind is this week: 9–15 May: Theresa Davies (11.5.18).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Church of the Resurrection – Grovehill, with their Anglican & Free Church congregation and their RC congregation

Parish Office: The regular office hours from next week will be Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm.

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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
- 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.

DEANERY ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST: This Thursday, 13 May, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. A Deanery Eucharist – to which all are welcome to attend physically or virtually (email revaustin@sky.com for login) – will be held at the Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill (the Church behind the Chippy!) at 8.00pm, at which the Assistant Rural Dean will preach.

THY KINGDOM COME: We are once again encouraged to pray for God's Kingdom to grow and for the values of his Kingdom to become the values by which we live our common lives. Between Ascension Day and Pentecost (13-23 May) please pray each day for:

- 5 people to come to faith in Jesus
- Our political leaders - that they be guided by the values of Christ – compassion, kindness, forgiveness, justice, mercy, humility
- Our Church community – that we may grow-back faithfully, socially, and stronger as we emerge from lockdown.

CHURCH FLOWERS: Following Sue Brown's well-earned retirement from organising the Church Flower rota, I have taken over the reins from her. If anyone wishes to sponsor a flower arrangement I would be very glad to hear from you. I can be contacted on 01442 249629 or 07907490124. Thank you in anticipation of your support, Julie Boyce

TINY TOTS: Tiny Tots resumed last week after 14months suspension. 13 children attended and all felt safe and glad to be there. The children acted like they had never been away and enjoyed our short Children's Praise at the end. Please spread the word that Tots has resumed. 9.30–11.00am every Tuesday until the summer holidays. 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.

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>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

26 June	Parish Fun Day, BBQ, and Cricket Match
3 July	MASJ Music Festival: Thank you for the Music
4 July	Interment of Ashes: Sheila Charge – St John's Memorial Garden
11 July	Afternoon Tea, Choral Evensong and Memorial Service: Stella Chandler – St John's
17 July	Summer Fete