

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY:

CANDLEMAS SUNDAY & ACCESSION DAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist – sung by the Junior Choir <i>Please note candles will be given to everyone as part of the liturgy. Please tie-up long hair as a precaution.</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
Monday	11.30am	Mountbatten Lodge Holy Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
	7.30pm	Living in Love & Faith Conversation	Grovehill
	7.45pm	Together on Monday - Beetle Drive	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Marriage Preparation evening	St John's
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	2.00pm	Burial of Ashes – Vera Trustram	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation	St John's
Thursday	8.00pm	PCC Standing Committee	Zoom
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY:

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:

our hospitals and all health professionals	for our community as we "live with" Covid
our schools, shops, and other services	for all who are anxious or struggling financially
our vaccination centres and all who volunteer	for all who sick with Covid or mourn loved ones

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Marie Heathershawe, Beryl King, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Jo Rhoden, Stanley Rose;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Bery, Trevor Boyce, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Gill Dow, Pam French, Derek Frost, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Chloë Lear, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Samuel & James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Phil Peckham, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, Marion Roff, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Christine Wilson, John 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:

Sita Pigot, Ann Lewis
Riccardo Criscenti funeral: 7 February, 2.30pm, St John's Church

those whose Years mind is this week: 6-12 February:

Keith Travi (7.2.20), Martin Hammond (7.2.18), Peter Clarke (8.2.18), Anthony Foster (10.2.17), Kenneth Warby (12.2.21),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Pray Hemel – Christians from many churches, meeting together on the first Saturday of each month to worship and pray for many aspects of life in our town.

Parish Office: 01442 260299 office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk <https://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk>

The regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm.

Vicar: 01442 243258 vicar@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk

PARISH NOTICES

COVID NOTICES – UPDATED –Sunday 30 January:

The Government has announced that face coverings and other precautions are not mandatory.

However, to care for one another we ask:

- **Face Coverings to be worn in crowded areas.** Please consider wearing one whilst moving around, especially when receiving Communion.
- Social Distancing to be maintained – One pew (over 1 metre) to remain empty between different bubbles
- Congregational Singing is back to normal – you might like to wear a mask but you don't have to.
- Use of hand sanitiser stations is still encouraged.
- Track & Trace to remain in place – we recommend signing-in rather than using the App.
- Communion will continue to be given in one kind (Bread) – please be directed by the sidespeople. Your ministers will still wear a face covering when distributing Communion.
- Refreshments will no-longer be offered after the Parish Eucharist. They will continue at smaller services

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Monday 7 February, 7.45pm, will be having a Beetle Drive. All are welcome. Di Tovey 263669

ST JOHN'S LUNCH CLUB: Please sign up for the St John's lunch on the 27 February. If you could offer a lift to those otherwise unable to get to church, please let Marian Davies know. This would not have to be a regular commitment but the chance to attend occasionally would be much welcomed.

LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK: Our All Age Eucharist this week will not be live streamed. Everyone - of all ages - is important in this service but children tend to be more actively involved and therefore would appear on camera. This creates the complex issue of obtaining the appropriate permissions from parents/guardians for their children's image to be shown on our website. We want the service to carry-on with that involvement hence this decision.

We will however be live streaming our 8.00am Holy Communion Service so that weekly worship is available. Our services will be available at: www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/live-streamed-services - we apologise in advance if our internet connection fails! (It worked properly last week!) Thank you for your understanding.

LIVE STREAMING – VISIBILITY IN SERVICES: There are various issues concerning Safeguarding and GDPR which mean we need your permission for you to appear on screen – especially if you are a minor. A plan of where you can sit without being seen on camera is being drawn up; permission is being sought from families for children to be on camera; camera angles are being planned and programmed for various parts of the service to limit exposure. Thank you for your cooperation.

TREES FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE: The PCC has decided to plant two trees in the churchyard to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have chosen two smaller varieties as there are already several mature trees in the churchyard. We have chosen an acer bush for the changing colour throughout the year and a lilac tree for the blossom and the scent. The lilac blossom would be the colour shade of purple to match the Jubilee colour. If any member of the parish would like to contribute £1 towards the project for two trees and a commemorative plaque Marian Davis or Lorraine Ioannou would be pleased to receive your contribution.

LENT COURSE 2022: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL During Lockdown we might have lost some of our capacity for joy, and most likely some of our willingness to speak to people – known or unknown. The Christian Faith requires that we and all the baptised should *Proclaim the Gospel*. This should be done with joy and confidence. To help us re-engage with this task, to grow our confidence, to affirm one another, and recommit to our faith, you are invited to our Lent Course. Sessions will be on Mondays and Thursdays (detailed below). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join.

Mondays	St John's	7.30pm - Eucharist	8.00pm - Sessions	7, 14, 21, 28 March, 4 April
Thursdays	St Stephen's	9.30am - Eucharist	10.00am - Sessions	10, 17, 24, 31 March, 7 April

Please sign-up at the back of church so that resources can be prepared. You can

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH - SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS: The conversations continue on Monday 7 February, Week 3, and then again 21 & 28 Feb at The Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill. 7.30pm start.

POSTAGE STAMPS: used or unused, are a valuable source of income for many charities. Please support Herts Air Ambulance and place any stamps you have in the basket on top of the letter pigeon holes.

JUNIOR CHURCH: All children aged 3-11yrs are welcome to explore faith in Jesus during this special time within the Parish Eucharist. YOUR HELP NEEDED: Each session needs an over 18 chaperone - all church members welcome and no prep required! Please sign up on the dates listed at the rear of church and/or chat with Rosie Shaw, Jo Fisher or Mary McCluskey.

ST JOHN'S WINDOW PAINTING: Tickets are selling fast for this fabulous painting of St John as seen in the Memorial to Canon Hamilton in the Lady Chapel. £10 a ticket. Over half the tickets have been sold already. Tickets available at the Parish Eucharist and on Wednesday mornings. The winning ticket will be drawn on 6 March – the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the actual Hamilton Memorial Window.