

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY:

	<u>SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT</u>	
	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am Parish Eucharist	St John's
	<i>This service will be live-streamed</i>	
	10.00am Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	12noon St John's Lunch Club	St John's Hall
Monday	7.30pm LLF conversations (Week 5)	Grovehill
Shrove Tuesday	9.30am Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	4-5.30pm Pancake Party	St John's Hall
	7.30pm Cocktails and Pancakes	St John's Hall
	10.00am BCP Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm Parish Eucharist with imposition of Ashes	St John's
	<i>This service will be live-streamed</i>	
Thursday	8.00pm Camarata Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal	St John's
Friday	5.30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal	St John's
	7.00pm Choir Rehearsal	St John's

ASH WEDNESDAY

	<u>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</u>	
	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	<i>This service will be live-streamed instead of the All-Age Eucharist</i>	
	10.00am All-Age Eucharist with Junior Choir	St John's
	10.00am Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	12noon Holy Baptism	St John'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, Beryl King, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Jo Rhoden, Stanley Rose, Maureen West;

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:

William Scott funeral: 15 March, 1.40pm at West Herts Crematorium
Marie Heathershawe,

those whose Years mind is this week: 27 February – 5 March:

John Sweet (28.3.19), Beryl Millington (1.3.19).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: For all Christians as they prepare for the period of Lent.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed this week 1-4 March.

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PARISH NOTICES

COVID NOTICES – UPDATED – Sunday 27 February:

The Government has announced the rescinding of all legal restrictions put in place to curb the pandemic

However, to care for one another we ask:

- Please consider wearing a face covering whilst moving around, especially when receiving Communion, or in crowded areas.
- Social Distancing will be maintained for the foreseeable future – 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.
- 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 be offered once more at all the main Sunday services.

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATIONS – Tuesday 1 March: Let your hair down before Lent begins and join us for some social fun:

4.00pm-5.30pm	Pancake Party for children	races, pancakes, quiz	Church hall
7.30pm	Cocktails & Pancakes	social time	Church hall

Please either sign-up at the back of church or let the vicar know if you are interested in attending.

ASH WEDNESDAY: This Week - You are invited to begin the holy season of Lent by receiving in ash the sign of the cross, calling to mind our mortality and need to be forgiven. Service times are 10.00am and 8.00pm at St John's.

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 pick 'n' mix which session you go to.

LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK: Our Parish Eucharist will once again be live streamed this week. This can be joined 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.

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. Thank you to those who have signed-up to be chaperones to enable us to comply with Safeguarding legislation and enable these sessions to continue.

ST JOHN'S WINDOW PAINTING: Last chance to buy Tickets 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.