

# NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 6 MARCH: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**A DEC BUCKET COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN TODAY SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES FLEEING THE INVASION**

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b> <i>This service will be live-streamed instead of the All-Age Eucharist</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>All-Age Eucharist with Junior Choir</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<i>St Francis'</i>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>	<i>St John's</i>
Monday	<b>11.30am</b>	Mountbatten Lodge Holy Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>7.45pm</b>	Together on Monday Club – Speaker: John Myers, Wildlife Trust	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Lent Course: Session 1</b>	<i>St John's</i>
Tuesday	<b>9.30am</b>	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	<b>8.00pm</b>	Communications Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Wednesday	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b> followed by coffee	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Thursday	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Lent Course: Session 1</b>	<i>St Stephen's</i>
Friday	<b>7.00pm</b>	Choir Rehearsal	<i>St John's</i>

**SUNDAY 13 MARCH: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<i>St Francis'</i>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	<b>3.00-5.00pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>	<i>St John's</i>

**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

**all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:**

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| 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 being Baptised this week:** Lucy Tomkins

**those who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Beryl King, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, 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 James Scott funeral: 15 March, 3.40pm, West Herts Crematorium  
Marie Heathershawe,

**those whose Years mind is this week: 6-12 March:**

Baby Emily Cox (8.3.21), Graham Tricker (9.3.20), Tracey Steel (9.3.19), Bobby Havinden (10.3.18), John Penfold (10.3.17), Ruby Brook (12.3.18),

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** Liberty Tea Room – a Christian presence in the heart of our town.

Parish Office: 01442 260299 [office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) <https://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk>  
The regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm.

## PARISH NOTICES

### **COVID NOTICES – UPDATED –Sunday 27 February:**

The Government has cancelled 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.

**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 8.00am Holy Communion Service will be live streamed this week. This can be joined at: [www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/live-streamed-services](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/live-streamed-services) - we apologise in advance if our internet connection fails! Thank you for your understanding. We apologise that our website also failed on Wednesday!

**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 THIS SUNDAY – the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the actual Hamilton Memorial Window – at the All Age Eucharist.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Messy Lent, Next Sunday, 13 March, 3.00pm–5.00pm. Fun, games, craft, food, worship, and mess for all the family. Please spread the word.

**GADE VALLEY HARRIERS MARATHON TRAINING:** Next Sunday, March 13: Please note parking in Boxmoor in the morning may be more difficult than normal.

**FROM VALERIE DARVILL:** Following my recent stay in hospital at Watford & Garston I would like to thank you all for yours prayers, cards, good wishes, and presents. I am now slowly improving at home and look forward to seeing you all again soon. However, I need somebody to take my place on the first Friday in the month cleaning St John's. Please let me know if you are able to help. Val Darvill 01442 258761

**TON UP!:** Congratulations to Leslie Lunn who celebrates his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday 7 March. Leslie has been a faithful worshipper at St John's for many years and still lives in his own home in Cangels Close.

**CHORAL EVENSONG:** Sunday 20 March, 6.30pm. Music to include responses by Ayleward, Stanford's Evening Service in A, and Wesley's Wash me thoroughly. All are most welcome.

**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.

**DEC UKRAINIAN COLLECTION:** If you are unable to support this today, please consider giving online at <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>