

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 13 MARCH:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gade Valley Harriers Marathon Training today, parking may be more difficult than normal

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Holy Communion	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	3.00pm	Messy Church	<i>St John's</i>
Monday	9.30am	Boxmoor Primary School Y2 visit	<i>St John's</i>
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	8.00pm	Lent Course: Session 2	<i>St John's</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	3.30pm	Friendship Teas	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation	<i>St John's</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Thursday	St Patrick		
	8am-4pm	Dacorum Music School: Music Making Day	<i>St John's</i>
	9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	10.00am	Lent Course: Session 2	<i>St Stephen's</i>
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>St John's</i>

Saturday

St Joseph of Nazareth

SUNDAY 20 MARCH:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	12noon	Holy Baptism	<i>St John's</i>
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St John's</i>

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic

the peoples of Ukraine – those defending their land; those made refugees; those in positions of leadership

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

John Wright funeral: 31 March, 12noon, St John's Church

Marie Heathershawe

those whose Years mind is this week: 13-19 March:

Joseph Holmwood (15.3.18), Irene Roberts (15.3.18), Roy Chapman (16.3.18), Irene Hardwick (16.3.17), Gillian Langston (17.3.19), Ivy Dunnett (17.3.18), Barry Hooker (17.3.18), Janet Anderson (17.3.17),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St Stephen's Church, Chaulden.

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
- 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.

LENT COURSE 2022: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL It's not too late to join our Lent Course – you'd be most welcome.

Upcoming sessions are:

Mondays	St John's	7.30pm - Eucharist	8.00pm - Sessions	14, 21, 28 March, 4 April
Thursdays	St Stephen's	9.30am - Eucharist	10.00am - Sessions	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.

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

LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK: Our 10.00am Parish Eucharist will 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! Thank you for your understanding.

FRIENDSHIP TEAS: You are most welcome to join us for a Vibrant Afternoon of Tea, Fellowship & Friendship in the Hall at St Johns Church on Wednesday 16 March 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Tea and light refreshments will be served. Hear a story – Tell a story – Bring a friend - Make a new friend. Friendship Teas will be held on the third Wednesday of every month. Our next date is 20 April. For more information, or if you want to assist and be a part of this ministry contact: Sandy Cutts : cuttssandycutts@gmail.com

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

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

QUIZ NIGHT The next Quiz Night will be on Saturday 2 April in St John's Hall starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 now on sale from Alan Munford Tel 01442 242543 or email alan.munford@btinternet.com. Tables of up to 8 people, but smaller groups can be combined as needed. Bring your own drink and nibbles.

ST JOHN'S WINDOW PAINTING: The winning ticket was drawn last Sunday – congratulations to Carole Lewis.

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.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES: The PCC will be discussing how we as a Church can best help those seeking refuge in this country. Our Bishop has written to all vicars and church officers with a tentative plan. This can be found on the notice boards at the back of St John's for your information.

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

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