

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 20 MARCH:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist <i>This service will be live-streamed on our website</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's
Monday	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St John's
	8.00pm	Lent Course: Session 3	St John's
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club: Air Ambulance	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
		Burial of Ashes: Eric & Rose Batchelor	St John's
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	Fundraising Committee	Zoom
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	10.00am	Lent Course: Session 3	St Stephen's
Friday		The Annunciation	
	5.30pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's
Saturday	7.30pm	Camarata Chamber Orchestra Concert	St John's

SUNDAY 27 MARCH:

MOTHERING SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>This service will be live-streamed instead of the All-Age Eucharist</i>	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist with Junior Choir	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	5.30pm	MASJ Spring Concert	St John's

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, Ian Williams;

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:

John Wright funeral: 31 March, 12noon, St John's Church
William James Scott, Marie Heathershawe;

those whose Years mind is this week: 20-26 March:

Bridget Arthur (20.3.18), Barrie Linklater (24.3.17), Ann Nash (26.3.19);

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: The Foodbank – for those who help and those being helped.

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

PARISH NOTICES

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	21, 28 March, 4 April
Thursdays	St Stephen's	9.30am - Eucharist	10.00am - Sessions	24, 31 March, 7 April

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.

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.

CAMARATA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT: Saturday 26 March, 7.30pm, including Mozart Horn Concerto no 3 in Eb major with soloist Joseph Longstaff, finalist in 2020 Young Musician of the Year Competition. Please come along for an evening of fabulous music raising money for the parish.

MASJ SPRING CONCERT: Sunday 27 March, 5.30pm, a fabulous early evening of music to make you smile and sparkle. Tickets available on the door or via www.masj.org.uk Concert programme created by our own Director of Music, Keith Beniston.

ENVELOPE GIVING: A new supply of Numbered Weekly Giving Envelopes, starting week of 10th April 2022, is now available at the back of St John's for collection by participants in the Envelope Giving Scheme. Please contact Garth Bridgwood or Chris Angell if you wish to join the Scheme, are unable to collect your envelopes or can't find them.

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.

LUNCHES: The next St John's Lunch will be on Sunday 3 April. There will also be a Christian Aid Lent Soup Lunch on 8 April in St John's Hall at 12.30pm.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: The APCM this year is being held on Sunday 24 April at 11.30am in St John's Church, after refreshments, following the 10.00am morning service. The agenda, papers and nomination forms will be available on the parish website <https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk> and at the back of church from early April. Do please attend – this is your chance to have a say in the running of your parish.

FEET REQUIRED: Please would you consider having a foot washed as part of the Maundy Thursday evening Liturgy. This beautiful and moving act reminds us that we are all servants of Christ and of our duty to love and care for one another. Please see the Vicar if interested.

EASTER CARD PARISH DELIVERY: Please sign up at the back of St John's to deliver the Easter Cards around the village and surrounding areas. There are 45 walks for you to choose from. Cards are available now for delivery. Please help us share the word of how we celebrate Christ's resurrection together. Thank you.

EASTER CHICKS AND RABBITS: The knitting circle have been busy knitting Easter chicks and rabbits and these will be on sale in church from next Sunday. They include a cream egg and will cost £1.50 and £1. Please support this effort and bring cash with you to buy the chicks and rabbits. Thank you.

FREE KNITTING PATTERNS: There are free knitting patterns on a first come, first served basis at the back of St John's.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the February Music Percentage Club draw: 1st, Sheila James, £15; 2nd, Catherine Holness, £8; 3rd, Peter Garner, £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.

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.