

NEWSLETTER

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
Monday	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St John's
	8.00pm	Lent Course: Session 4	St John's
	8.00pm	GSS Stations of the Cross and Benediction	St Francis'
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Finance Committee	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	10.00am	Lent Course: Session 4	St Stephen's
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 3 APRIL:

PASSION SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF 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
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	12noon	St John's Lunch	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Sonare Concert	

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, Ethan, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Stanley Rose, Chris Smith, 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, 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
Jean Stevens	Memorial Service: tbc
Ian Williams	Funeral: tbc

those whose Years mind is this week: 27 March – 2 April:

Michael West (27.3.18), Rosemary Croxford (29.3.17), Herbert Chung Sung (29.3.19), Pauline Lane (29.3.18), Violet Parkinson (29.3.18), Ann Higham (1.4.20), Peter Ewart-Brookes (1.4.18);

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St Paul's Church, Highfield.

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

PARISH NOTICES

CLOCKS TO SUMMER TIME: A reminder that the clocks go forward an hour this weekend!

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

LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK: Our 8.00am BCP Holy Communion 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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY FLOWERS: The Mothering Sunday Posies at St John's have been kindly donated by Marian Davies in memory of her Mother. Thank you to our arrangers in all out churches for making such lovely posies.

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 10 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.

GSS STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION: Monday 28 March, 8.00pm, at St Francis with Fr Benjamin Weitzmann, all welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT - CANCELLED: The forthcoming Quiz night has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Thank you and apologies to those who wished to attend.

CONDOLENCES: It is with great sadness we report the deaths of 2 faithful and longstanding members of the Church: Jean Stevens, who died on Monday; and Ian Williams, who died on Friday. May the Holy Angels lead them into paradise. Our prayers and condolences are for their families. Arrangements will be announced when finalised.

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 this 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.

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.