

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 3 APRIL:

PASSION SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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| | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | St John's |
| | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist - <i>This service will be live-streamed</i> | 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 | St John's |
| Monday | 7.30pm | Holy Communion | St John's |
| | 8.00pm | Lent Course: Session 5 | St John's |
| | 7.45pm | Together on Monday Club: The Rainbow – Carole Lewis | St John's Hall |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | <i>No Tiny Tots: School Holidays</i> | |
| Wednesday | 10.00am | BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i> | St John's |
| | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer | St Francis' |
| Thursday | 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Stephen's |
| | 10.00am | Lent Course: Session 5 | St Stephen's |
| | 10.30am | Funeral - John Luke-McDonald | St John's |
| | 7.30pm | West Herts Flower Club – <i>Floral Magic</i> – Alan Smith | St John's |
| Friday | 12.30pm | Christian Aid Lent Soup Lunch | St John's Hall |
| | 5.30pm | Junior Choir | St John's Hall |
| | 7.00pm | Choir Rehearsal | St John's |
| Saturday | 7.30pm | Chipperfield Choral Society Concert | St John's |

SUNDAY 10 APRIL:

PALM SUNDAY

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| | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | St John's |
| | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist – <i>Service begins in Boxmoor Playhouse then moves to St John's</i> | |
| | 10.00am | Mass | St Francis' |
| | 11.30am | Morning Worship | St Stephen's |
| | 6.30pm | The Crucifixion by John Stainer – <i>sung by the Parish Choir</i> | 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 being baptised this week: Isabella Bryson

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Beryl King, Ethan, 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, 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:

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| John Luke-McDonald | Funeral: 7 April, 10.30am, St John's Church |
| Trevor Waterton | Funeral: 13 April, 12noon, St John's Church |
| Ian Williams | Funeral: 29 April, 2.00pm, St John's Church |
| Jean Stevens | Memorial Service: 3 May, 2.00pm, St John's Church |
| John Wright, Chris Smith, Bob Parsons | |

those whose Years mind is this week: 3-9 April:

James Robertson (3.4.20), Lilian Goddard (7.4.19), Dennis Hull (8.4.17), Jeanie McKill (9.4.20), Joyce Gower (9.4.19), Water Herbert (9.4.18), Samuel Gardener (9.4.17);

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Belmont Road Baptist Church

PARISH NOTICES

COVID UPDATE: As attendance grows the need to space increases. To this end we are doing away with compulsory Social Distancing. Please be mindful when choosing somewhere to sit that some may still prefer to keep at a respectable distance and/or wear a face covering. If you would like some space no-one will be offended if you say so. The Chalice and physical sharing of the Peace remains suspended for the time being.

LENT COURSE 2022: THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL Last session of the Lent Course this side of Easter this week.

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| Mondays | St John's | 7.30pm - Eucharist | 8.00pm - Sessions | 4 April |
| Thursdays | St Stephen's | 9.30am - Eucharist | 10.00am - Sessions | 7 April |

LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK: The Parish Eucharist at 10.00am 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.

PALM SUNDAY: Next Sunday our Eucharist begins in Boxmoor Playhouse at 10.00am. We will then process to St John's, arriving approximately 10.15am. I hope you will all assemble in the Playhouse and join this public act of witness as we mirror Jesus riding into Jerusalem.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER: Join us in worship during this most Holy Week. Details of all our Services can be found online, in the magazine, on the Easter Cards, and on posters. Services for children as well as serious reflection. If you are going away for Easter please find your nearest church to make your Easter Communion. www.achurchnearyou.com

- **Unfolding the drama:** The events of Holy Week are like different Acts in a theatre production. See the whole performance and come throughout the week. Don't just settle for Acts 1 & 6 – even though they are spectacular!
- **Holy Week Reflections:** This year they will be given by the Vicar.

HOLY SATURDAY: CHURCH CLEANING AND PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER: If you are able to spare an hour or two on Saturday morning (from 9.00am) you'd be most welcome.

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 still 12 of the 44 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.

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. I only have 6 people so far and I need 12! Please see the Vicar if interested.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Chris and Pat Angell who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary last week.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: It has been confirmed that Ian Williams' funeral will be held at St John's on 29 April at 2.00pm. Jean Stevens' Memorial Service will take place on 3 May at 2.00pm following a private committal earlier that day at the Crematorium. You are most welcome to pay your respects at both these services.

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 are available on the parish website <https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk> and at the back of church. Do please attend – this is your chance to have a say in the running of your parish.

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.

REMEMBERED: Chris Smith RIP. Chris, the son of Marina and the late Ron Smith died last Friday in Harrogate hospital. The family worshipped at St John's for many years before moving to Yorkshire. Some of you may remember Chris as a young man who was friends with everyone and would go round chattering to anyone and everyone and although he had special needs he learned to drive a car and held down a job. He will be sadly missed by Marina and his sister Bernice.

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