

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 17 APRIL:

EASTER DAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism & Easter Ceremonies <i>Service begins outside (weather permitting)</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Mass of Easter Day	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Holy Communion	<i>St Stephen's</i>
Easter Monday (<i>Bank Holiday</i>)		Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey	<i>St Albans Abbey</i>
Easter Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	8.00pm	PCC Standing Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Easter 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>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation	<i>St John's</i>
Easter Thursday	9.30am	Boxmoor Primary School Year 1 visit	<i>St John's</i>
Easter Friday	5.30pm	Junior Choir	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>St John's</i>
Easter Saturday	11.30am	Burial of Ashes – Gladys Smith	<i>St John's</i>

SUNDAY 24 APRIL:

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Combined Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
	11.30am	APCM	<i>St John's</i>
	3.00pm	Messy Church	<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 being baptised this week: Skyler and Rowan Anthony

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:

Pat Mason Funeral: 28 April, 10.00am, St Albans Church, Warners End

Ian Williams Funeral: 29 April, 2.00pm, St John's Church

Jean Stevens Memorial Service: 3 May, 2.00pm, St John's Church

Trevor Waterton, John Wright, Chris Smith, Bob Parsons,

those whose Years mind is this week: 17-23 April:

Gladys Smith (17.4.20), James Taylor (19.4.20), John Paton (22.04.21),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: all Christians celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

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The Parish Office is closed until 19 April. The regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm.

PARISH NOTICES

COVID UPDATE: As attendance grows the need for space increases. To this end we are doing away with compulsory Social Distancing. Please be mindful when choosing somewhere to sit as 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.

EASTER EGG HUNT: An Easter Egg Hunt for children will take place immediately after the Parish Eucharist today. Please gather at the Pulpit if you would like to take part.

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.

OUTSIDE CROSS: As in previous years you are invited to decorate the outside cross with flowers and streamers as we turn the instrument of execution into a sign of life and love. Please help show our community the love of God upon the cross and make it as colourful as we can throughout the 50 days of Easter.

EASTER FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this Easter have been donated by Thelma Bartley in memory of Donald Bartley, a much loved husband, father, and friend.

CHURCH WARDENS' APPEAL: This year's appeal is to raise money for two projects. The first is to raise money to install and maintain a defibrillator on the outside wall of the church office. The second is to support, if possible, a family from Ukraine. A booklet will be published shortly giving details of these two projects.

MESSY CHURCH: Next week, Sunday 24 April, 3.00-5.00pm, Messy Easter. Fun, craft, games, food and worship for all the family. Please share the word. Meet in St John's Hall.

TINY TOTS: Resumes this Tuesday (19 April) following the Easter break. From 9.30am in St John's Hall for coffee and play, 10.30am Service with action songs. All pre-school children welcome.

FRIENDSHIP TEAS: Wednesday 20 April, 3.30-5.00pm, St John's Hall – come and enjoy afternoon tea and a natter. All are welcome.

ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATES: The draft updated ELECTORAL ROLL is available for review at St John's Church near the west doors or in the Parish Office. This is ready for checking before the forthcoming APCM but do please advise Ian Packe on 214126 or email electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk if you discover any errors.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: The APCM this year is being held next 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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IAN WILLIAMS: Ian's funeral will be held at St John's on 29 April at 2.00pm. You are all most welcome to attend the service which will be followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Any donations in thanksgiving for Ian's life are to be given to Rennie Grove Hospice Care. Family flowers only please.

LENT COURSE CONCLUDES: The final session of our Lent Course *The Joy of the Gospel* will be on Monday 25 and Thursday 28 April. The familiar pattern of Holy Communion at 7.30pm and 9.30am respectively followed by the session starting 30 minutes later will continue.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE: The Diocese is restarting its pilgrimage to the Abbey on Easter Monday. You are most welcome to attend. The main service begins at 3.00pm, with the procession beginning at 2.30pm.

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.

FUNDRAISING: We need you! The Fundraising Committee met recently to plan the year... and we need to raise £16,000 to break even. Please put the following dates in your diary and be ready to volunteer when help is requested after Easter. Everyone must play their part.

9 July – Summer Fair; 19 November – Christmas Fayre; 16-20 December – Christmas Tree Festival.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the March draw: 1st: Richard Lyne, £15; 2nd: Lorraine Ioannou, £8; 3rd: Zoe Harbour, £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.