

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 24 APRIL:

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Combined Parish Eucharist	St John's
	11.30am	APCM	St John's
	3.00pm	Messy Church	St John's
Monday		St Mark the Evangelist	
	7.30pm	Holy Communion and Lent Course	St John's
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club: 'Light Touch'	St John's Hall
Tuesday		St George, Patron Saint of England	
	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Fayre meeting	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation	St John's
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion and Lent Course	St Stephen's
Friday	2.00pm	Funeral – Ian Williams	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's
Saturday	11.30am	Burial of Ashes – Gladys Smith	St John's

SUNDAY 1 MAY:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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, 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:

Judith Baker	Funeral: 27 April, 1.00pm, Woodwells Cemetery
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: 24-30 April:

Joyce Baxter (24.4.20), Terrence Dodd (25.4.19), Lyn Bevan (27.4.20), Violet Large (28.4.17).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: our Member of Parliament and Dacorum Council and Councillors.

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.

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

MESSY CHURCH: This 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.

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

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.

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. Donations can be handed to the church wardens or paid directly into the bank – see details at the back of church.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: meet on Monday at 7.45pm in St John's Hall. This week we will be listening to the singing of "Light Touch". All are welcome. Di Tovey: 263669.

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. The family would prefer it if you do not wear black for the service. Any donations in thanksgiving for Ian's life are to be given to Rennie Grove Hospice Care. Family flowers only please.

ST JOHN'S PATRONAL EUCHARIST: Sunday 8 May, 10.00am, All Age Eucharist, we will celebrate our patron saint. All welcome.

MASJ MUSIC FESTIVAL: Advance notice that Music at St John's will once again be hosting a Music Festival from 6-8 May. Offerings include:

Friday 6 May, 12.30pm - Lunchtime Organ Recital

Saturday 7 May, 1.00pm – Concert: Dacorum Music School in partnership with Dacorum Youth Orchestra

Saturday 7 May 7.00pm – Concert: Vale Symphonic Wind Band

Sunday 8 May 6.30pm – Concert: Choral repertoire performed by the Choir of St John's Church and Friends

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.

MAY MAGAZINE: The May edition of the magazine will be available for collection from next Sunday.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Thank you to Jo for organising our Hunt last Sunday. Sadly, during the service someone stole/ate nearly all of the 50 eggs. We will be having another Hunt as part of Messy Church this Sunday afternoon.

EASTER DECORATIONS: Thank you to all our cleaners and decorators for making all our churches so beautiful for Easter – inviting and colourful are two descriptions that have been overheard many times. Thank you.

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.