

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 8 MAY:

### ST JOHN'S DAY (FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Patronal All Age Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	Concert: Choral Music performed by the Parish Choir	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	PCC meeting	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert – The Chiltern Singers	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's
Saturday		St Matthias - Apostle	

## SUNDAY 15 MAY:

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8.00am	<i>No service this week</i>	
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
		<i>Guest president and preacher: The Reverend Vanessa Jefferson</i>	
	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:**

Albert Philp	Funeral: 9 May, 12.20pm, West Herts Crem
Betty Last	Funeral: 24 May, 2.30pm, St John's
Rosemary Parish	Funeral: TBA
Jean Stevens,	

**those whose Years mind is this week: 8-14 May:**

Theresa Davis (11.5.18).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:**

Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill, with their Anglican & Free Church congregation & RC congregation.

## 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 remain suspended for the time being.

**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](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/live-streamed-services) - we apologise in advance if our internet connection fails! A recording will be uploaded as soon as possible if this happens. Thank you for your understanding.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers this week have been given by Garth Bridgewood: 'In loving memory of my parents Paul and Eileen Bridgewood'

**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.

**ST JOHN'S PATRONAL EUCHARIST:** Sunday 8 May, 10.00am, All Age Eucharist, we will celebrate our patron saint. All welcome. Sadly the Junior Choir will not be singing today due to illness.

**ROSEMARY PARISH RIP:** It is with sadness we announce the death of Rosemary Parish – a quiet and gentle member of our congregation. Rosemary died peacefully at Watford Hospital in the early hours of Tuesday morning last week. Details of her funeral will be announced when known. Prayers and condolences to all who mourn her.

**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 is available for collection.

**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 April draw: 1<sup>st</sup>, Carole Lewis, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sheila James, £8; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Job Rombout, £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.

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