

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 15 MAY:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8.00am	No service this week	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist <i>Guest president and preacher: The Reverend Vanessa Jefferson</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club – History of St John's – Graham Gibbs	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	3.30pm	Friendship Tea	St John's Hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert – Nina Cook <i>soprano</i> with Rita Fryer <i>piano</i>	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 22 MAY:

SIXTH 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
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Communications Committee	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday		THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	
	8.00pm	Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist	St Albans, Warners End
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert – The Showtime Singers	St John's
	5.30pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 29 MAY:

SEVENTH 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	Holy Communion	St Stephen's

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

those being baptised this fortnight: Cecilia Violet Pearl Jones, Angelica Iris Emerald Jones and Albert Louis Stray

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.

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:

The Trustees of Churches Together and St Mary's Old Town.

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: 25 May, 2.30pm, St John's
Alan Hedley-Hoare

those whose Years mind is this fortnight: 15-28 May:

Steve Price (20.5.19), Bill Lee (22.5.20), John Andrews (23.5.21), Vincent Hazell (23.5.17), Henry Smith (23.5.17), Mick Gower (24.5.18).

PARISH NOTICES

COVID UPDATE: Mandatory Social Distancing has ceased, however, 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.

NO 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEK: Apologies but reasonable cover could not be found for this service this week. The Vicar will resume next Sunday, 22 May.

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! 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 sponsored and arranged by Janet Packe in 'Celebration of family birthdays... past and present.'

VICAR AWAY: The Vicar will be annual leave 14-21 May. If you have any pressing pastoral concerns please contact Marian Davies on the number below and she will make arrangements as necessary. Alternatively, please contact the Vicar on his return.

THE BIG LUNCH – JUBILEE WEEKEND: Sign up, sign up for the 'Big Lunch.' On Sunday 5 June we are hosting a big lunch to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The menu will be Coronation chicken or salmon, new potatoes and salad followed by trifle or Eton mess. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm and the cost will be £7.50 for adults, £4.50 for children from 5 upward and £2.50 for under 5's. There will be a choice of chicken drumstick or sausage for children if they prefer. Please sign up ASAP to help with catering stating which option you prefer.

FRIENDSHIP TEAS: Everyone is welcome to join us for a Vibrant Afternoon of Tea, Fellowship & Friendship in the Hall at St Johns Church on Wednesday 18 May, 3.30pm – 5.00pm.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE – POSTPONED: Sadly, the Confirmation Service scheduled for 22 May has needed to be postponed. 4 candidates still desire to be Confirmed - please continue to pray for them. A new date is being sought.

ASCENSION DAY DEANERY EUCHARIST: St Alban's, Warners End, are hosting this years' service, 8.00pm, Thursday 26 May. Please come and celebrate with the wider Church this important Feast. Fizz and refreshments will follow.

CRICKET MATCH: A rematch against the Boxmoor Occasionals has been arranged for Sunday 19 June. Please let the Vicar know if you would like to play. The match this year will be on the Boxmoor Oval. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can enjoy a 'good' match with lots of Pimms on the boundary.

MASJ LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: The Spring series of Friday lunchtime Concerts is back. Please see publicity in Church and on the MASJ webpage: <https://www.masj.org.uk/>

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.

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.

Parish Office: 01442 260299 office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk <https://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk>
The Parish Office will be closed 17 & 19 May. The regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm.
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