

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 5 MARCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	11.30am	Burial of Ashes – Jill Lamb	St John's
Monday	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St John's
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club – Fun Quiz	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Lent Course Wk 2 – Christ: Revealed at Baptism	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots – Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall & Church
	11.00-4.00pm	Warm-Space – Open and warm church	St John's
	11.15am	Hall Committee	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	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	10.00am	Lent Course Wk 2 – Christ: Revealed at Baptism	St Stephen's
	11.30am	Mountbatten Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's Hall
Saturday	7.30pm	Concert: Camarata Chamber Orchestra	St John's

SUNDAY 12 MARCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	Mozart Requiem <i>with the St John's Ensemble</i>	St John's

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

the peoples of Ukraine – those defending their land; those made refugees; those in positions of leadership

those who are ill: Isabel Abbot, Lynsey Abbott, Delia Aylott, Andrew, Becky, Matt Blake, Brenda, Catherine, Peter Clayton, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Ruth Goatly, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Janice, Paul Kessell-Holland, Alan Kirtley, Lizzie, Anne Lyne, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Godfrey Rock, Jane Rombout, Stanley Rose, Guy Wyatt;

those with ongoing needs: Anthony, John Bery, Richard Berry, Val Darvill, Peter Davis, Gill Dow, Pam French, Derek Frost, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Matt, Sharon & family, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Sheila Lewis, Samuel & James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Gladys Mimer, Steve Randall, 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:

For all Christians as they journey through Lent;

those who have died recently and we pray for their families and friends:

Jennifer Sears, Brian Laidlaw, Bob Reiss – priest, Gillian Strange, Eileen Pemberton;

those whose Years mind is this week: 5-11 March:

John Wood (7.3.20), Baby Emily Cox (8.3.21), Graham Tricker (9.3.20), Tracey Steel (9.3.19), Bobby Havinden (10.3.18).

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

PARISH NOTICES

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.

EARTHQUAKE DISASTER: Thank you for contributions received so far. We have collected £600 for the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for the people affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. There is still time to raise more towards this appeal.

LENT COURSE: Images of Christ: The story of Jesus in the Arts: Explore how the Gospel narrative has been interpreted in Art, Word, and Music and the response we have to it. 5 sessions, repeated twice each week (St John's on Monday evenings and St Stephen's on Thursday mornings). See poster and Magazine for more details. All welcome.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Our meeting tomorrow will be a "fun quiz" run by Alan Munford. All welcome. Di Tovey 263669

NEWS FROM THE KNITTING CIRCLE: We are busy knitting for Easter and will be selling Chicks, Ducks, and Rabbits on Mothering Sunday. All proceeds will go to Church Funds. Please support by buying something on that day. Most items will be £1 or £2.

A MUSICAL WEEKEND:

CAMERATA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT: Saturday 11 March, 7.30pm Music including Symphony no 8 by Joseph Haydn. Free admission with a retiring collection, all proceeds to St John's Church.

MOZART'S REQUIEM: Sunday 12 March, 6.30pm As part of our Lenten devotions we will be performing, within a liturgical context Mozart's Requiem. Our choir, accompanied by the St John's Ensemble, with fabulous soloists will sing the Mass whilst the Eucharist is offered. Do put it in your diary – it will be well worth attending.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU: As we approach Holy Week and Easter we will need help with some of our services. For instance, we need 12 people to volunteer their feet for washing during the Maundy Thursday Eucharist. We also need readers for Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday, and lots of people to steward our many services. Please see the Vicar if you are willing to help or he'll just start picking on people!

FAIRTRADE: Did you know we are in Fairtrade Fortnight (27 Feb - 12 Mar)? As part of our endeavour to become an Eco-church, we are encouraged to buy Fairtrade products whenever we can. By doing so, we are supporting farmers and workers, as they receive their fair share of the price of the product. Do look out for the new Fairtrade Mark with an arrow pointing to the side of the box where you can read further details. Everyone is encouraged to join the Fairtrade Foundation, either as an individual or as a church or organisation.

CHURCHYARD TWINNING: Some of you may have seen the notices in the toilets stating that for £60 it has been twinned with a toilet in a developing country to help them achieve better sanitation. For Lent this year our Diocese has come up with a scheme to twin churchyards with families of farmers in Kenya. £60 will help a family living in rural Migori with three years training in sustainable organic farming. Starting with small kitchen gardens families can grow enough to eat to fight poverty, set up small businesses and send their children to school. We are proposing to hold a coffee morning and cake sale in church on **Saturday 18 March**. Please come along and have a coffee, buy a cake, meet up with friends and hopefully we will raise the £60 to help a family. Any excess monies will be put towards the Easter flowers.

PARISH LUNCH: Owing to the increasing popularity of the monthly parish lunch we have made a few changes to the booking procedure. In future the numbers will be limited to 36 people and when the list is full it will be removed from church. The main course will be on the list, if anyone wants anything different they will have to provide it themselves, ready prepared. If people put their names down and then find that they cannot attend would they please let Marian Davies (07557 952707, Di Tovey (263669) or Lorraine Ioannou (213648) know. If there is anyone in the parish who would like to prepare a meal (and wash-up) occasionally please speak to one of the above who will give you more details. The next parish lunch will be on **26 March**, menu yet to be decided.

COVID GUIDANCE:

- Receiving communion in both kinds is not compulsory (as our recent practice has shown). If you would like to receive the chalice the offer is there. If you would prefer not to receive from the common cup then simply receive the host and walk back to your places. It is an entirely personal decision.
- Intincting/dipping your wafer into the wine is not permitted.
- 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.