

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 12 MARCH

*NB: Camelot Rugby  
Festival on the Moor.*

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## SUNDAY 19 MARCH

*NB: Gade Valley Harriers  
training run this morning*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	St John's
10.00am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	St John's
10.00am	<b>Sung Mass</b>	St Francis'
11.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Stephen's
6.30pm	<b>Mozart Requiem</b> with the St John's Ensemble	St John's
2.00pm	Poetry Group	53 Beechfield Road
7.30pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St John's
8.00pm	Lent Course Wk 3 – Christ: The Body and Blood of Life	St John's
9.30am	Tiny Tots – Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall & Church
11.00-4.00pm	Warm Hub – Open and warm church	St John's
8.00pm	PCC Meeting	St John's Hall
All day	WOOFYT – Day 1	St Francis'
10.00am	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b> followed by coffee	St John's
3.00pm	Friendship Tea	St John's Hall
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
8.00pm	MaSJ Board Meeting	Parish Office
All day	WOOFYT – Day 2	St Francis'
9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Stephen's
10.00am	Lent Course Wk 3 – Christ: The Body and Blood of Life	St Stephen's
12.30pm	Burial of Ashes – Keith Goodyear	St John's
5.30pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall
7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's Hall
10am-12noon	Coffee morning & cake sale in aid of Churchyard twinning	St John's
2.00pm	Wedding: Suzanne Doud & Jamie Tomkins	St John's

## MOTHERING SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	St John's
10.00am	<b>All-Age Eucharist</b> sung by the Junior Choir	St John's
10.00am	<b>Sung Mass</b>	St Francis'
11.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	St Stephen'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, 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, Jane Rombout, Stanley Rose, Guy Wyatt;

**those with ongoing needs:** Anthony, John Bery, Richard Berry, Peter Clayton, 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:**

St Stephen's Church, Chaulden – for all our brothers and sisters in this parish who worship and minister there;

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

Brian Laidlaw, Bob Reiss – priest, Gillian Strange, Eileen Pemberton, Anna Matthews – priest;  
Godfrey Rock funeral: Monday 27 March, 12noon, St John's Church  
Eva Woodgate funeral: Tuesday 28 March, 2.20pm, West Herts Crem

## **those whose Years mind is this week: 12-18 March:**

Ruby Brook (12.3.18), Joseph Holmwood (15.3.18), Irene Roberts (15.3.18), Roy Chapman (16.3.18), Ivy Dunnnett (17.3.18), Barry Hooker (17.3.18).

## 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](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.

**MOZART'S REQUIEM: 6.30pm THIS EVENING.** 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 come and join us.

**HELP PLEASE:** Please could 5 or 6 people help set-up music stands and chairs immediately after the Parish Eucharist in preparation for the Requiem Mass. Thank you.

**LENT COURSE: Images of Christ: The story of Jesus in the Arts:** The course continues to explore how the Gospel narrative has been interpreted in Art, Word, and Music and the response we have to it. 3 more sessions to go, repeated twice each week (St John's on Monday evenings and St Stephen's on Thursday mornings). All welcome.

**GODFREY ROCK RIP:** It is with sadness we share the news of Godfrey's death this past week. He died peacefully in Hospital surrounded by love and prayer. His funeral will be at St John's on Monday 27 March, 12noon, followed by refreshments in the Hall. Our warmest condolences to Carole and all Godfrey's family.

**CHURCH FLOWERS:** We would like to thank all those who have sponsored and arranged Church flowers throughout the last year. St John's is fortunate to have such a generous congregation who enable us to have fresh flowers in Church. In these financially challenging times our flower arrangers have managed to stretch their budgets to bring us some beautiful arrangements. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please speak to Julie Boyce 07907 490124 or Jean Frith 07774 817680. We would be happy to discuss with you.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Janet and Ian Packe who celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary last week. They are most thankful for all the lovely cards and warm wishes helping them celebrate.

**A MESSAGE FROM VALERIE DARVILL:** Thank you to all my friends at St. John's for all their prayers, cards, visits and get well wishes. These have helped me very much during the last six weeks.

**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. The Knitting Circle are meeting this Thursday, 2.00pm, at 34 Moorland Road.

**ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE REMINDER:** If you wish to be able to vote at the forthcoming APCM on Sunday 23 April and are not already included on this Parish's Electoral Roll, please complete an application form and place it in the box located at the main doors of our three churches. If you have any queries or difficulties please contact Ian Packe on 214126 or [electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk).

**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!

**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.

**MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB:** Congratulations to the winners of the February draw: 1<sup>st</sup>: Richard Lyne, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Peter Garner, £8; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lorraine Ioannou, £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.

### **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.

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