

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 19 MARCH

NB: Gade Valley Harriers training run this morning

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

MOTHERING SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
10.00am	All Age Eucharist <i>sung by the Junior Choir</i>	<i>St John's</i>
10.00am	Sung Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
7.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
8.00pm	Lent Course Wk 4 – Christ: Crucified	<i>St John's</i>
9.30am	Tiny Tots – Stay & Play & Service	<i>St John's Hall & Church</i>
11.00-4.00pm	Warm Hub – Open and warm church	<i>St John's</i>
8.00pm	Church Meeting: Fundraising Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
7.30pm	Pilgrimage preparation meeting	<i>St Mary, Old Town</i>
8.00pm	MaSJ Board Meeting	<i>Parish Office</i>
9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>St Stephen's</i>
10.00am	Lent Course Wk 4 – Christ: Crucified	<i>St Stephen's</i>
11.30pm	Mountbatten Lodge Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
1.00pm	Burial of Ashes: Jackie Gillespie	<i>St John's</i>
2.30pm	Pilgrims depart for Walsingham	<i>St John's</i>
5.30pm	Junior Choir	<i>St John's Hall</i>
7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>St John's Hall</i>

The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

SUNDAY 26 MARCH

PASSION SUNDAY - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
10.00am	Sung Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
12.30pm	St John's Lunch Club	<i>St John's Hall</i>

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, Kevin, Paul Kessell-Holland, Alan Kirtley, Lizzie, Anne Lyne, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Sue McMorran, 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:

Our Local Foodbank: for those who help and those being helped.

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: 19-25 March:

Trever Waterton (19.03.22), Bridget Arhtur (20.03.18), Jean Stevens (21.03.22), Ian Williams (25.03.22), John Luke-McDonald (24.03.22), Michael West (27.03.18);

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 - 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: Thank you to all our musicians who contributed to a very special service, and to everyone who joined this act of worship. It was a deeply moving service which we hope has helped you with your Lenten journey with Christ. The service is available on our website under the Live-Streamed Services tab.

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.

EASTER SERVICES CARDS: Our Easter publicity is available for distribution at the back of St John's. PLEASE help with this important task in sharing with our community ways in which they can join us to mark Holy Week and celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection this Easter. Please sign the list of distribution routes so that we know who is doing which route. Please can they be delivered by 31 March at the latest. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Please pray for our pilgrims who will depart for a weekend pilgrimage to Walsingham on Friday. May their time away together, journeying with Christ, help them in their Lenten pilgrimage to grow closer to Christ. Pilgrims depart from St John's at 2.30pm on Friday.

CHURCH FLOWERS:

- The Mothering Sunday Flower Posies have been kindly donated by Marian Davies in memory of her Mother.
- 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.

CONGRATUALIONS: It was announced last Sunday that The Reverend Vanessa Jeffers – former Head Chorister at St John's – has been appointed Minor Canon and Precentor of St Albans. She is expected to take up her post in June. We rejoice in her appointment and our share in helping to form her for this important role. Well done Vanessa!

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING. The APCM this year is being held on Sunday 23 April at 11.30am in St John's Church, after refreshments, following the 10.00am Combined Parish Eucharist. The agenda, papers and nomination forms will be available on the parish website (<https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/>) and at the back of church from early April. Do please attend – this is your chance to have a say in the running of your parish.

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.

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!

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.