

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 2 APRIL

## PALM SUNDAY

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	St John's
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Blessing of Palms, Procession and Parish Eucharist</b> <i>Service begins in Boxmoor Playhouse and processes to St John's</i>	St John's
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Mass and Procession</b>	St Francis'
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion with Hymns</b>	St Stephen's
	1.00pm	Burial of Ashes – Janet Huggins	St John's
	6.30pm	Solemn Evensong and Benediction	St Francis'
<b>Holy Monday</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion and Reflection</b>	St John's
<b>Holy Tuesday</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion and Reflection</b>	St John's
<b>Holy Wednesday</b>	9.00am	Service of Prayers for Healing	St John's
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion and Reflection</b>	St John's
	11.30am	Mountbatten Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	<b>8.00pm</b>	Stations of the Cross	St Francis'
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with the washing of feet</b> <i>followed by The Watch of the Passion until 10.30pm</i>	St John's
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>All Age Stations of the Cross</b> <i>Service begins at St Mary &amp; St Joseph's RC Church</i>	St John's
	10.45am	Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Walk of Witness <i>Meet at Riverside Entrance (Debenhams) to Marlowes</i>	
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>An Hour at the Cross</b>	St John's
	5.45pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's Hall
<b>Easter Eve</b>	Morning	Church cleaning and preparations for Easter	All churches
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>The Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter</b>	St Francis'

## SUNDAY 9 APRIL

## EASTER SUNDAY

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	St John's
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Easter Ceremonies</b> <i>with Junior Choir, and followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i>	St John's
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Mass of Easter</b>	St Francis'
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion with Hymns</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, Kevin, Paul Kessell-Holland, Alan Kirtley, 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:**

Pray for preparations for the Walk of Witness on Good Friday

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

Eva Woodgate, Godfrey Rock, Anna Matthews – priest;

## **those whose Years mind is this week: 2-8 April:**

Roger Green (3.4.20), James Robertson (3.4.20), Judith Baker (5.4.22), Lilian Goddard (7.4.19),

## 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.

### **PALM SUNDAY:**

- **Morning:** Our Parish Eucharist begins at Boxmoor Playhouse at 10.00am. We will then process to St John's – mirroring Jesus's procession into Jerusalem on a donkey – waving our palms. This is a great opportunity to witness to our faith. The Eucharist then proceeds as normal.
- **Evening:** To re-enforce the beginning of Holy Week there will be a special service of Solemn Evensong & Benediction at 6.30pm at St Francis, Hammerfield. Everyone is welcome.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES:** Please see our poster/Easter Cards for details of all our services. It is a very moving week and you are warmly invited to come to all our services. Particular highlights include the **Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Watch, Good Friday's Hour at the Cross, Holy Saturday's Vigil, and Easter Sunday**

If you are going away for Easter, please check <https://achurchnearyou.com> to find your nearest church to make your Easter communion.

**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, 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!

**PASSIONTIDE ARRAY:** In union with the Church universal our crosses, statues, and artwork have been veiled for the final two weeks of Lent. This deprivation is intended to encourage us to think about Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross more deeply.

**ENVELOPE GIVING:** A new supply of Numbered Weekly Giving Envelopes, starting with the week 9 April 2023, is now available at the back of St John's for collection by participants in the Envelope Giving Scheme. Please contact Garth Bridgwood or Chris Angell if you wish to join the Scheme, are unable to collect your envelopes, or can't find them.

**HARDSHIP FUND:** The church has a hardship fund. Should anyone be struggling with fuel bills the parish may be able to help. Please speak to the vicar.

**CHURCHWARDEN'S APPEAL:** The Churchwarden's Appeal this year will be to replace the chairs in the hall. There will be more details to follow shortly.

**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 are available on the parish website (<https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/apcm-reports>) and at the back of church from today. 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](mailto:electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk).

**MAGAZINE:** Our April edition of the Parish Magazine is available at the back of our churches. Please pick up your copy and make deliveries as necessary. Thank you.

**ST BARNABAS, ADEYFIELD:** It was announced last Sunday that the Reverend Matthew Reynard will be the next Team Vicar with special responsibility for St Barnabas, Adeyfield. Please pray for him, his family, and the church family ahead of his induction on 28 June.

### **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.

Parish Office: 01442 260299 [office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) <https://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk>

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