

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 9 APRIL

## EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	St John's
10.00am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> with Easter Ceremonies <i>with Junior Choir, and followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i>	St John's
10.00am	<b>Sung Mass of Easter</b>	St Francis'
11.30am	<b>Holy Communion with Hymns</b>	St Stephen's

## **Easter Monday**

Bank Holiday – No services  
*Easter Monday Pilgrimage at St Albans Abbey*

## **Easter Tuesday**

11am-4pm Warm Hub St John's

## **Easter Wednesday**

10.00am **Holy Communion followed by coffee** St John's  
5.00pm Evening Prayer St Francis'

## **Easter Friday**

7.00pm Choir Rehearsal St John's Hal

## SUNDAY 16 APRIL

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	St John's
10.00am	<b>Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism</b>	St John's
10.00am	<b>Sung Mass</b>	St Francis'
11.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	St Stephen's
12noon	<b>Holy Baptism</b>	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 being baptised in Easter week:** George Cox, Hannah and Harry Murphy;

**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, Angela Shaw;

**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 all Christians celebrating the resurrection of Jesus;

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

Anna Matthews – priest, Guy Wyatt;

## **those whose Years mind is this week: 9-15 April:**

Jeanie McKill (9.4.20), Joyce Gower (9.4.19), Walter Herbert (9.4.18), Albert Philp (11.4.22), Patricia Paris (11.4.20), Hazel Mitchell (13.4.18), Digby Stott (14.4.18).

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**The Parish Office is closed this week.**

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

## PARISH NOTICES

### HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

**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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Easter Altar flowers are in memory of Donald Bartley, a dearly loved husband, father and friend.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Please gather by the pulpit after the Parish Eucharist. The Hunt will begin as soon as possible after the service.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES:** Thank you to all who have taken an active role in the liturgies of this past week – the holiest week of the Christian year. It has been a joy to welcome new people to our services and to travel in love and prayer with Christ as he journeyed towards his death and resurrection. Easter begins today... let's strive to live the Easter joy for the entire 50 days of Easter. Alleluia! Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

A special thank you to all who have made our churches look so full of life and joy this Easter, and to our choir who have sung God's praises so beautifully.

**YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU:** The Church is not the building, but the people – YOU! Of course buildings are important but YOU are more important. How can YOU serve your neighbour? How can YOU enrich the Church's life? There are many ministries to be performed – from cleaning and gardening to floristry and serving, reading and stewarding to laundry and visiting. How can YOU help? Is God calling you to be on the PCC (our board of trustees)? We desperately need a new PCC Secretary to replace Richard who is stepping down – can you help?

**BAPTISM CELEBRATION:** Next Sunday baby George Cox will be baptised during our Parish Eucharist. Katherine and Jonathan Cox would like to invite members of the congregation wishing to celebrate George's baptism to join them for tea and cake in the hall following the service.

**A MESSAGE FROM YVONNE LAIDLAW:** Sincere thanks to everyone for their sympathy and kind words of support on the sudden and unexpected death of Brian, which has meant a lot during a continuing challenging and surreal time for me.

**POST-EASTER BREAK:** From Easter Monday to Easter Friday the Vicar will be on Annual leave with his family (and recovering from Holy Week!) If you have any particular pastoral concerns during this time, please contact Marian Davies, Churchwarden, 07557 953707, who will liaise with a priest as appropriate. There will be no public services of Morning Prayer this week.

**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).

#### **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.