

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 23 APRIL

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
10.00am	Combined Parish Eucharist and APCM <i>No Services at St Francis' or St Stephen's today.</i>	St John's
6.30pm	Choral Evensong – Guest preacher: The Reverend Laretta Wilson	St John's

Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
St Mark, Evangelist	11am-4pm	Warm Hub	St John's

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

Friday	5.45pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	St John's Hall
	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's Hall

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Vocations Sunday

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
4.00pm	Civic Service: for Cllr John Birnie, Mayor of Dacorum	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 getting married this week: Zoe Harbour and James Proehl;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Delia Aylott, Andrew, Becky, Matt Blake, Brenda, Catherine, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Ruth Goatly, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Janice, Kevin, Hilary Kemp, Paul Kessell-Holland, Alan Kirtley, Anne Lyne, Rev'd Anthony Macey, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Sue McMorrin, Pamela, Jane Rombout, Stanley Rose;

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 Member of Parliament: Sir Mike Penning pc; Cllr John Birnie, Mayor of Dacorum, and all the councillors and candidates for the forthcoming local elections

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

Christine Webbley Funeral: Monday 15 May, 11.00am, St John's
Anna Matthews – priest, Guy Wyatt, Isabel Abbot;

those whose Years mind is this week: 16-22 April:

Terrance Dodd (25.4.19) Lyn Bevan (27.4.20) Rosemary Parish (26.4.22)

*The Parish Office is currently unmanned whilst Hilary is on sick leave.
Voicemails and emails will be picked-up by the Vicar when he is in the Office.*

Parish Office: 01442 260299 office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk <https://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk>
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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers today are in celebration of James and Zoe Proehl's wedding yesterday.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: TODAY we hold our APCM 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. This is your chance to have your say in the running of your parish. There are no services at St Francis' or St Stephen's today.

ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATES: The draft updated ELECTORAL ROLL is available for review at St John's Church near the west doors or in the Parish Office. This is ready for checking before the forthcoming APCM but do please advise Ian Packe on 214126 or email electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk if you discover any errors.

CHORAL EVENSONG: TONIGHT, 6.30pm: We welcome the Reverend Lauretta Wilson back to the parish as our guest preacher. Lauretta, who was Curate here and then served in Bennetts End is currently vicar of a parish outside Bath. Come and catch-up with her, and hear what she has to say.

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?

COFFEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We urgently need volunteers to help serving coffee after the 10.00am Sunday services. Please can you add your name and surname on the list of available slots or contact Yolanda Porter via email yolandaporteryp@googlemail.com. Thank you.

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.

CORONATION INFO:

- On Sunday 7 May St John's will be hosting a Coronation Lunch. A sign-up sheet is available at the bac of St John's. All are most welcome.
- The following Sunday, 14 May, our Choir will sing a Special Evening Service of Thanksgiving for the Coronation at 6.30pm including many of our favourite Coronation Anthems and prayers for the King. Do put this these dates in your diary.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who bought knitted Easter items. We raised £200 for church funds.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to all who supported and donated to the recent coffee morning to raise money to twin our churchyards with families in Namibia. We managed, with your help, to raise £178 so we will be able to help two families to turn their land organic and make it productive. We were also able to make a generous donation to the flower fund. Thank you.

RETIREMENT NEWS: The Venerable Jeanette Gosney (former Associate Minister of this parish) is retiring today and conducts her last service at Framlingham Church where she was collated as Archdeacon. We wish her well and hope she enjoys her retirement.

MASJ PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the March Music Percentage Club draw: 1st: Sheila James, £15; 2nd: Job Rombout, £8; 3rd: Gill Williams, £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.