

NEWSLETTER

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	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
4.00pm	Civic Service: for Cllr John Birnie, Mayor of Dacorum	St John's

Monday 1 May

Bank Holiday – No Services

Tuesday

9.30am Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service St John's Hall

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion followed by coffee St John's

Ss Philip & James, Apostles

5.00pm Evening Prayer St Francis'

Thursday

11.00am Mountbatten Lodge Communion Mountbatten Lodge

1.30pm Wedding Blessing St John's

Friday

12.30pm MASJ Lunchtime Concert: The Pupils of the Purcell School St John's

5.45pm Junior Choir Rehearsal St John's Hall

7.30pm Choir Rehearsal St John's Hall

Saturday

Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III

SUNDAY 7 MAY

ST JOHN'S DAY – *Fifth Sunday after Easter*

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
12.30pm	Coronation Lunch	St John's Hall

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

HM The King and The Queen Consort, and all the Royal family;

the peoples of Ukraine: those defending their land; those made refugees; those in positions of leadership;

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, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Sue McMorrans, 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 our children and young people all who work in our schools – teachers, governors, support staff

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

Christine Webbley Funeral: Monday 15 May, 11.00am, St John's

Martyn Gough – priest, Stephen Blood – priest, Guy Wyatt, Isabel Abbot;

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

Betty Last (2.5.22), Sidney Smith (4.5.20).

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 this week have been given by Di Tovey 'In memory of Pat Lawford, a much loved Mother and Grandmother.'

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: Thank you to all who engaged with this year's APCM. Congratulations to Marian Davies and Job Rombout who were re-elected as your Churchwardens; Jo Fisher and Rosie Shaw who were re-elected as your Deputy Churchwardens; Chris Angell and Jo Fisher as Treasurers of St John's and St Francis respectively; Graham Gibbs and Lorraine Ioannou as Deanery Synod Reps; and Jo Fisher, Jean Garner, Bob Hammond, Cathy Shaw as PCC members. May God bless you all in your service of his Church and people.

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.

PARISH MAGAZINE: The May issue of the Magazine is available to collection and delivery. Please grab a copy at the back of church.

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.

PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE: Thank you for your prayers for both Hilary Kemp (our administrator) and Fr Tony Macey (the Vicar's father). Both are now home and having responded well to treatment. Continued prayers for the coming weeks are always welcome but they are both on the mend (slowly!).

CHURCHWARDEN'S APPEAL: Donations for this year's "chair" appeal, can be made to sidespeople or the Church Wardens. Cheques and cash are acceptable. Cheques should be made out to 'St John's Boxmoor PCC'. The GoodBox can be used but please inform the sidespeople or Church Warden that you have done this.

CORONATION INFO:

- On Sunday 7 May St John's will be hosting a Coronation Lunch. 12.30pm in the Hall. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of St John's. All are most welcome. Please bring your own drinks.
- 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 these dates in your diary.

PARISH CRICKET MATCH: A return fixture has been arranged against the Boxmoor Occasionals on Sunday 10 June, 2.00pm start at Hemel Cricket Club. Anyone who would like to play as invited to speak to the Vicar. A win is dearly anticipated this year! If you don't feel up to playing come and drink Pimms on the boundary and cheer the Church on!

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.

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.

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