

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 21 MAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY AFTER OUR LORD'S ASCENSION

	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
	12 noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	6.30pm	Deanery Confirmation Service	St Mary's, Apsley
Monday	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Fundraising Committee	St John's Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Communications Committee	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Finance Committee	St John's Hall
Friday	12.30pm	MaSJ Lunchtime Concert: Bernice Clark (Soprano)	St John's
	5.45pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall

SUNDAY 28 MAY

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

	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

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Their Majesties 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, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Janice, Kevin, Hilary Kemp, Paul Kessell-Holland, Alan Kirtley, Anne Lyne, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Sue McMorrnan, 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, 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:

St Mary's, Old Town – Canon John Williams (Rector), their clergy, people, and leaders

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

Martyn Gough – priest, Barbara Gilbert;

those whose Years mind is this week: 21-27 May::

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 and arranged by Janet Packe in 'Celebration of Family Birthdays Past and Present.'

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!! Join our friendly team of volunteers to help serving coffee after the 10am Sunday services. Please can you add your name and surname on the list available on the notice at the back of church or contact Yolanda Porter via email yolandaporter.ypp@googlemail.com, thank you.

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: CLOSING NEXT SUNDAY: 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.

PARISH CRICKET MATCH: A return fixture has been arranged against the Boxmoor Occasionals on **Sunday 11 June**, 2.00pm start at Hemel Cricket Club. Anyone who would like to play as invited to speak to the Vicar. **We currently have 8 players – 3 more needed.** 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!

PARISH ADMIN: Whilst Hilary continues to recover from surgery we are pleased to announce that Penny Pomroy will be assisting us in the Office until Hilary returns to her usual hours. I'm sure you will make Penny welcome. Office hours have therefore changed to enable this. Penny will begin with us this Monday. Please see bottom of this page for new, temporary, hours.

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.

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The temporary office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.00pm–5.30pm.

The Vicar will continue to pick-up emails/voicemails outside of these times.