

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 14 MAY

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MaSJ Music Festival Weekend

	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
	6.30pm	A Service of Thanksgiving for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III <i>sung by the Parish Choir</i>	St John's
Monday	11.00am	Funeral: Christine Webbley	St John's
	7.45pm	Together on Monday	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	3.00pm	Friendship Teas	St John's Hall
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	MaSJ Board Meeting	Parish Office

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

	11.00am	Mountbatten Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
	8.00pm	Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist	All Saints', Kings Langley
Friday	12.30pm	MaSJ Lunchtime Concert: Alex Wyatt (piano)	St John's
	5.45pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall
Saturday	2.00pm	Installation of The Venerable Charles Hudson as Archdeacon of St Albans	St Peter's, Berkhamsted

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

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 McMorran, 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 Trustees of Churches Together – nationally and locally;

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, Barbara Gilbert;

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

Steven Price (20.5.19).

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 - 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 Garth Bridgewood 'In loving memory of my parents Paul and Eileen Bridgewood'

CORONATION INFO:

- This 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.
- Thank you to all involved in decorating St John's and organising the Coronation Lunch – thoroughly enjoyable.

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.yp@googlemail.com, thank you.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Our meeting on 15 May at 7.45pm will be held in the church as Anna Le Hair will be giving a piano recital. This meeting is open to anyone who wishes to join us. Di Tovey 263669.

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.

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. 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!

BARBARA GILBERT RIP: News has reached us of Barbara's death last Friday in Devon – where she moved to be nearer family. Many will remember Barbara as a leading light of our congregation – initiating our Baptismal Ministry Team (much of the process remains to this day), a Saturday Club involving outreach for young people, and being on the PCC etc. We extend our warmest condolences to her family and all who mourn her, and pray that she may rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

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.