

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

	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
Monday	10.00am	School Visit: Westbrook Hay School	St John's
	2.00pm	The Lodge Communion	The Lodge Care Home
Tuesday		<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	
	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play and Service	St John's
	4.00pm	Pancake party for Children	St John's
	7.30pm	Wine and Cheese evening	St John's
Wednesday		ASH WEDNESDAY	
	8.15am	Chapel	Lockers Park School
	10.00am	Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	Parish Eucharist with imposition of Ashes	St John's
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

	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

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

the peoples of Ukraine: those defending their land; those made refugees; those in positions of leadership;
for peace between Israeli and Palestinian;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Becky, Stewart Blake, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Rev David Brooke, Carl & Justine, Catherine, Melissa Clayton, Marion Cowe, Hugh Cumberland, Eve Davis, Jean Dawkins, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Janice, Ken Farnborough, Kevin, Alan Kirtley, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Mary, Ann & Paul Meeder, Marion Penfold, Pamela, John Poole, Stanley Rose;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Bery, Peter Clayton, Val Darvill, Gill Dow, Michele Finch, Pam French, Josie Gower, Angela Green, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Paul Kessell-Holland, Carole Lewis, Sheila Lewis, Anne Lyne, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Gladys Mimer, Marion Penfold, Sharon & family, Steve Randall, Marion Roff, Jane Rombout, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Gill Williams, 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:

For All Christians as they prepare for Lent

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

Michael Cherry, Andrew, Kim Handel, Richard Allsop;

those whose Years mind is this week: 11 —17 February:

Brian Laidlaw (07.02.23), Kenneth Warby (12.02.21)

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.

FLOWERS: The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Emily Charlotte Cecilia Cox from her family.

TINY TOTS: Stay & Play followed by short action-song filled service for children 0-4yrs. Every Tuesday in term time. 9.30-11.00am in St John's Hall/St John's Church. New members always very welcome. No need to book – just turn up.

LENT COURSE 2024: Our Lent Course this year follows the Archbishop of York's book *Come and See: Learning from the life of St Peter*. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings during Lent. Please see Magazine or sign-up sheet for more details. The course this year is 4 weeks' long.

SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKE PARTY & SOCIAL: A time to come together and celebrate before we begin our Lenten observance, fasting, and disciplines. 2 social events are planned:

4.00pm Pancake Party for children – with age appropriate races (St John's Church and Hall)

Suggested donation: £2 per child

7.30pm Wine and Cheese evening for adults. (St John's Hall)*Suggested donation: £5 per adult*

Sign-up sheets now available at the back of St John's. All are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Mark the start of Lent properly by coming to one of our Eucharists – 10.00am or 8.00pm at St John's. Let these 40 days be a time of growth in discipleship, discipline, and love of God our Father.

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS: Congratulations to our fabulous choir on a fabulous service and rendition of the Ceremony of Carols last Sunday evening. If you missed it a recording is available on our website.

RICHARD ALLSOP RIP: We have received news that Richard, a former member of St John's before moving to the North East, died on 19 January. His funeral will be on 15 February at St Michael's Church, Alnwick. We send Frances our warmest condolences. More details are available from the Vicar.

JANUARY MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the January Music Percentage Club draw; Zoe Harbour 1st £15 Peter Garner 2nd £8 Richard Lyne 3rd £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.

COMMUNION/VISITS AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: If you are sick or incapacitated please let the Vicar or Carole know. We will arrange a visit/phone call/Home Communion as appropriate with you. This is something that is very important, so please let us know. We cannot pray for you/visit you unless we know. Prayers are offered daily for the life of the Parish so please help inform the Vicar of anything/anyone who needs prayer/visiting.

THANK YOU: Many will know that Marion Cowe has recently had a series of falls resulting in hospital admissions. She is now home and thanks you for your prayers and concern. She would welcome visits and phone calls now she is home.

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SERVING CHRIST BY SERVING EACH OTHER: There are lots of ways we can serve each other and our worshipping community. Sadly, at present, we are wholly reliant on the same few helpers to ensure that our services or events take place. Please consider being a sides person/welcomer, a reader or leader of Intercession, a server/Eucharistic minister. The more who take on these ministries the less burdensome they become to all of us.

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.
- Indicting/dipping your wafer into the wine is not permitted.

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