

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
6.30pm	Choral Evensong – <i>Guest Preacher: The Reverend Lizzie Hood</i>	St John's

*No Morning Prayer this week*

Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday AGM and Supper	St John's
Tuesday		<i>No Tiny Tots this week – Half term holidays</i>	
Wednesday	10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St John's
	3.00pm	Friendship Teas	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Saturday	7.30pm	Concert: Lumina Choir	St John's

## SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

### SECOND 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
3.00pm	Messy Church – <i>Theme: Noah's Ark</i>	St John's Hall

### 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, Sue Thompson;

**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:**

Kim Handel funeral: 11 March, 12.30am St John's

Richard Allsop, John Popplewill, Andrew Johnson;

### **those whose Years mind is this week: 18–24 February:**

Vera Knight (18.02.20), Bill Scott (19.02.22).

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*The core office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am–12noon.*

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## 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](http://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.

**CHORAL EVENSONG:** TONIGHT, Sunday 18 February, 6.30pm: Come and worship God through the beauty of medium of English choral music sung by our fabulous choir. Music includes Farrant's *Call to remembrance, O Lord*; Stanford's *Evening Service in B flat*, S Wesley's *Was me thoroughly*, and Shepherd's *Responses*. Our Guest Preacher this month is The Reverend Lizzie Hood, Rector of the Langelei Team and Vicar of Leverstock Green – former curate of this Parish. I'm sure you will make her most welcome and enjoy chatting with her after the service.

**TOGETHER ON MONDAY:** Looking forward to seeing everyone at our AGM this Monday. This will be followed by a *Wine & Cheese* social.

**TINY TOTS:** No Tots this week due to Half-term break. We return Tuesday 27 February.

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS:** Wednesday 21 February, 3.00pm, Come and enjoy each others company for tea and a natter. This will be Sandy's last session in charge - a special thank you to her for organising them so brilliantly since our return following Lockdown.

**MESSY CHURCH:** NEXT SUNDAY, 25 February, 3.00–5.00pm, All Welcome. Explore the exciting theme of Noah and the Ark through craft, games, food and worship. No need to book – just come along. Perfect for all aged children.

**DURING LENT:** You are invited to observe 5 minutes quiet before the Parish Eucharist. This will be signalled by the organist playing something. Use this time to enter more fully into God's presence.

**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 (starting 26 February, 7.30pm Eucharist, 8.00pm Seminar) and Thursday mornings (starting 29 February, 9.30am Morning Prayer, 10.00am Seminar). Please sign-up on sheet at back of church so that resources can be made available. The course this year is 4 weeks' long.

**10 YEARS OUR VICAR:** Please join our Vicar in giving thanks for 10 years as our vicar this weekend. For all that has been good: Thanks be to God; for all that has been amiss: Apologies; for all that is to come: Let us bless the Lord.

**SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKE PARTY & SOCIAL:** A fabulous and fun afternoon was had on Shrove Tuesday at our Pancake Party and Social. Lovely to enjoy peoples' company and let one's hair down before the serious business of Lent began. Thank you to all who made these events happen.

**LUMINA CHOIR CONCERT:** Saturday 24 February, 7.30pm at St John's, Lumina choir presents Schubert's *Mass in G* along with music from Dowland, Bach, Byrd, Mozart, and others. Tickets available on the door: Adults = £10; Under 18 = £5.

**ANDREW JOHNSON RIP:** We extend our sincere condolences to Richard and his family on the sudden and unexpected death of his son, Andrew, this week. Andrew has been a regular at St John's for many years. May he rest in peace.

**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.

**MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB:** 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.

**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.

*The Vicar will be on leave this week. Should you have any pressing pastoral matter, please contact Marian Davies.*

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