

NEWSLETTER

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	St John's
Monday	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St John's
	8.00pm	Lent Course: Session 1	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's
	8.00pm	Deanery Synod	Holy Trinity, Leverstock Green
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	3.00pm	Friendship Teas	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	9.30pm	Morning Prayer	St Stephen's
	10:00am	Lent Course: Session 1	St Stephen's
Friday	3.00pm	World Day of Prayer	Adeyfield Free Church
	5.45pm	Junior Choir Practice	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Saturday	7.30pm	Concert: Lumina Choir	St John's

SUNDAY 3 MARCH

THIRD 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
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John'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, 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, 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:

St Mary's, Apsley: for Mother Alice, their churchwardens, PCC and all the congregation, their Foodbank;

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

Kim Handel	funeral: Monday 11 March, 12.30pm	St John's
Marion Penfold	funeral: Wednesday 13 March, 1.15pm	St John's
Colin Francis	funeral: Wednesday 20 March, 1.30pm	St John's
Geoff Weston;		

those whose Years mind is this week: 25 February—2 March:

Sylvia Shaw (26.2.19) Eva Woodgate, (26.2.23), Beryl Millington (1.3.19).

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.

MESSY CHURCH: TODAY, 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.

TINY TOTS: Returns this Tuesday, 27 February, 9.30am in St John's Hall. All pre-school children welcome.

LENT COURSE 2024: Our Lent Course begins this week, using the Archbishop of York's book *Come and See: Learning from the life of St Peter*. Sessions as given in the diary (PTO) or see sign-up sheet for more details.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 1 March, 3.00pm, at Adeyfield Free Church - produced this year by an ecumenical group of Palestinian women. Come and join in a circle of worship and prayer that goes all round the world.

ALL AGE EUCHARIST IN MARCH: A reminder that the March All Age Eucharist will be on 2nd Sunday – Mothering Sunday – rather than the usual 1st Sunday. Next Sunday will therefore be a regular Parish Eucharist at St John's.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU: As we approach Holy Week and Easter we will need help with some of our services. For instance, we need **12 people to volunteer their feet for washing** during the Maundy Thursday Eucharist. We also need **readers for Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday**, and lots of people to steward our many services. Please see the Vicar if you are willing to help or he'll just start picking on people!

THANK YOU FROM THE VICAR: A sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU for the wonderful surprise last Sunday. Not much passes me by in the parish but you kept the cake, card, and gift a complete secret! I'm both humbled and blessed by your generosity and warmth towards me and the ministry I have shared among you these 10 years. Thank you very much indeed. Fr Mike

EASTER CARD PARISH DELIVERY: The Parish Easter Card will be available for delivery very soon. Please sign up at the back of St John's to deliver the Easter Cards around the village and surrounding areas. There are 45 walks for you to choose from. Please help us share the word of how we celebrate Christ's resurrection together. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

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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