

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 3 MARCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Sung Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	12noon	Holy Baptism	<i>St John's</i>
Monday	2.00pm	Holy Communion	<i>The Lodge Care Home</i>
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	7.45pm	Together on Monday	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	8.00pm	Lent Course: Session 2	<i>St John's</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	<i>St John's</i>
	11.15am	Church Meeting: Hall Committee	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by coffee	<i>St John's</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	10.00am	Lent Course: Session 2	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	11.15am	Mountbatten Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	<i>St John's</i>
Friday	5.45pm	Junior Choir Practice	<i>St John's</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's</i>
Saturday	12.30pm	Wedding: Jenifer Stein & Luke Gardner	<i>St John's</i>

SUNDAY 10 MARCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist sung by the Junior – posies will be distributed to all	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Sung Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

for peace between Israeli and Palestinian, and for the peoples of Ukraine;

for those to be Baptised today: Amelia Gramisteanu

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Becky, Stewart Blake, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Rev David Brooke, John Birnie, 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: Liberty Tea Room – a Christian presence in the heart of our Town.

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
Andrew Johnson, Geoff Weston, Doug Biddell;		

those whose Years mind is this week: 3—9 March: John Wright (04.03.21) Godfrey Rock (06.03.23), Baby Emily Cecilia Cox (08.03.21), Jean Steel (09.03.19),

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.

ST JOHN'S KNITTING SEWING AND CRAFT: The St John's knitting, sewing, craft group will meet in the church this Tuesday 5 March @ 2.00pm, to which you & your friends will be most welcome. Why not come along and learn a new craft, maybe bring your own craft with you or indeed just come along and enjoy a cuppa & chat in a warm safe place. Easter Knits will be on sale after church on Sunday 10 March (Mothering Sunday). Please remember to bring small change with you to purchase these lovely Easter Gifts, made by members of the Craft Group, which will sell at £2.00ea.

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.

ALL AGE EUCHARIST: MOTHERING SUNDAY: A reminder that the March All Age Eucharist will be NEXT Sunday – Mothering Sunday – posies will be distributed during the Eucharist, at which the Junior Choir will sing.

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!

PASSIONTIDE SERVICE: Sunday 17 March, 6.30pm, St John's. By way of encouraging our thinking and devotions on our Lord's suffering and death on the cross for our redemption our choir will lead us in a musical devotion: *The Saviour* by William Lloyd Webber. This is a companion work to *The Crucifixion* and *Olivet to Calvary* and takes us through the events and moments of Jesus' last hours. All welcome to join this moving service. See poster for details.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Nicholas King and Joy Skingle who announced their engagement recently – we pray God's blessing on your new life together.

PARISH MAGAZINES: Magazines for March are now available for collection and delivery at the back of St John's. Apologies for the delay – the parish copier experienced technical difficulties.

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.

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.

ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY: Sunnyside Church, Bourne End, are advertising for a part-time hall and parish administrator. Full details can be found here <https://www.sunnysidechurch.org.uk/jobs/>

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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