

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 10 MARCH

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist – sung by the Junior Choir – posies given to everyone	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
Monday	12.30pm	Funeral: Kim Handel	St John's
	2.15pm	Burial of Ashes: Brian Harrison	St John's
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St John's
	8.00pm	Lent Course: Session 3	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: PCC Meeting	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	1.15pm	Funeral: Marion Penfold	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Communications Committee	Zoom
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	10.00am	Lent Course: Session 3	St Stephen's
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Fundraising Committee	Zoom
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Saturday	7.30pm	Chipperfield Choral Society Concert	St John's

## SUNDAY 17 MARCH

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

	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	Passiontide Service: The Saviour	St John's

## OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

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

**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, Emily Gager, 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 Stephen's Church, Chaulden – within this parish – for all who enable worship and community there.

## **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
Doug Biddell	funeral: Friday 15 March, 12.30pm	Hemel Hempstead Crematorium
Colin Francis	funeral: Wednesday 20 March, 1.30pm	St John's
Andrew Johnson, Geoff Weston,		

**those whose Years mind is this week: 3—9 March**

## 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.

**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 is THIS Sunday – Mothering Sunday – posies will be distributed during the Eucharist, at which the Junior Choir will sing.

**FLOWERS:** The Mothering Sunday Flower Posies have been kindly donated by Marian Davies in memory of her Mother.

**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 currently have 2 feet!!** 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 is available for delivery. Please sign up at the back of St John's to deliver the Easter Cards around the village and surrounding areas. There are 40 walks for you to choose from. Please help us share the word of how we celebrate Christ's resurrection together. Thank you.

**ST JOHN'S LUNCH:** The next St John's Lunch will be held on Sunday 24 March at 12.45pm in the hall. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. All Welcome.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** Leaders of PCC committees and other activity groups are reminded that their reports for year ending 31st December 2023 should please reach Nicholas King (PCC Hon. Secretary) not later than 24th March, preferably as Word documents. Thank you to those who have already obliged!

**ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION:** Our Electoral Roll will be updated before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 21 April. To vote at this meeting you must be on the Roll. Forms for new members are located near the doors of our churches, or available from the Electoral Roll Officer, Ian Packe. A copy of the current roll is available for inspection in the Parish Office or also from Ian. Please check your entry on this Roll and only submit a new form if any details have changed. Forms may be deposited in the boxes provided no later than 1 April. Thank you. *Ian Packe*, 214126 or email [electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

**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:** Congratulations to the winners of the February Music Percentage Club draw: 1<sup>st</sup>, Marion Roff, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nicholas King, £8; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Catherine Holness, £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

**DACORUM INTERFAITH NETWORK:** Monday 11 March, 7.30pm, at The Friends Meeting House, Hemel Old Town, HP2 5ZB. We Welcome David Taylor, Labour Parliamentary Candidate, to hear about our local Faith Network. Contact 01442 216768.

**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.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL:** *If you wish to receive the weekly Newsletter by Email please send your Email address to [stjohnchurchnews@btinternet.com](mailto:stjohnchurchnews@btinternet.com) and you will be added to the distribution list.*

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