

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



The Parish of Boxmoor

St John's Boxmoor,
St Stephen's Chaulden & St Francis' Hammerfield

PALM SUNDAY:

- 10.00am **Parish Eucharist, Palm Procession & Dramatised Gospel**
(Starts in Boxmoor Playhouse) *(St John's)*
- 6.30pm **Evensong & Benediction** *(St Francis', Hammerfield)*

Holy Monday & Holy Tuesday:

- 8.00pm Holy Communion & Reflection *(St John's)*

Holy Wednesday:

- 9.00am Service of Prayers for Healing *(St John's)*
- 10.00am Holy Communion & Reflection *(St John's)*
- 8.00pm Stations of the Cross *(St Francis', Hammerfield)*

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

- 8.00pm **Parish Eucharist with the washing of feet** *(St John's)*
followed by The Watch of The Passion until 10.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY:

- 10.00am **All Age Stations of the Cross**
(Starts at St Mary and St Joseph's Church, Boxmoor and processes via the Moor to St John's)
- 2.00pm **An Hour at the Cross** *(St John's)*
(Devotional Service of Hymns, Readings & Prayers before the Cross)

EASTER EVE:

- 8.00pm **First Eucharist of Easter with Vigil and Easter Ceremonies**
(Starts outside St Francis', Hammerfield - Fizz and chocolate follow the Service)

EASTER SUNDAY:

- 10.00am **Parish Easter Eucharist with Holy Baptism** *(St John's—Starts outside)*
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

Junior Church:

Junior Church, for children aged 3-11yrs, meets every week (except in the Summer Holidays) during the Parish Eucharist. Children will spend time learning about Jesus and other Biblical characters, sing songs, draw and craft, and say prayers. After each session they present what they have done.

Junior Choir:

Are you school aged and enjoy singing? Join our Junior Choir. We rehears twice a month on Fridays and sing at the All Age Eucharist. All welcome.



Sunday 10 March 2024

10.00am

Welcome to St John's for this Service.

*Whether this is your first time in St John's, or you are a regular member of the congregation, you are most welcome as we give thanks and praise to God. We hope you will be able to join in with the singing and everything that is in **bold** type.*

Today the whole Church community gathers in prayer and praise of almighty God with children assisting as much as possible in the Service. As a result, there is no Junior Church today but details of our Junior Church can be found on the back page of this Order of Service and in our Newsletter.

Toilets, baby changing facilities, and a Children's Room are available at the back of church should you require these facilities

The posture directions in this Order of Service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer. The church is fitted with the Hearing Loop System.

A collection is received during the Service for the work of the Church. UK taxpayers are asked to complete a Gift Aid envelope to enhance the value your giving.

The Gathering

All stand as the clergy enter.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you:

and also with you.

All sing

The Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Woodlands 422 AMNS

All remain standing for

The Welcome

Thanksgiving and Confession

We praise you, our God,
for all mothers who have loved and laughed and laboured
as they cared for their children;

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God,
for all mothers who have wept in sorrow and joy for their children:

Blessed be God for ever.

All remain standing to say

A Thanksgiving for Mothers

**Thank you God for the love of mothers:
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts with gladness;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;

♪ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please sit after the choir, ministers, and flags have departed.

*You are invited to stay for a cup of tea, coffee, or squash at the
back of church after the Service.*

Please take home this Order of Service and the Newsletter.

*Thank you to our Flower Arrangers, and all who helped,
in preparing and distributing posies today.*

Hymns and songs duplicated in accordance with CCL Licence number 74516.

The Sending Out

All remain seated or kneeling to say

The Prayer after Communion

**Living God, draw us deeper into your love;
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;
Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.
Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us
to live your love with generosity and joy,
imagination and courage;
for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Birthday Candles

All who have had a birthday since the last All Age Eucharist are invited to receive a Birthday Candle and a rendition of Happy Birthday.

Smartie Tubes

All the children are invited to receive a New Smartie tube and, after eating the contents, return it to Church at the next All Age Eucharist full of £1 coins or 20p to help raise money for our Music Fund.

Mothering Sunday Posies

As the posies are distributed, all stand to sing

The Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Nun danket 205 AMNS

We praise you, our God, for Jesus,
born of a woman and nurtured in her love,
and for Mary, a reminder of your patient, waiting love.

Blessed be God for ever.

We are sorry for the times when we have failed to help
and care for those in need;

Father forgive: **Forgive us and heal us.**

We are sorry for the times when we have not loved you with all our heart;
Father forgive: **Forgive us and heal us.**

We are sorry for the times we have been selfish or unkind to others;
Father forgive: **Forgive us and heal us**

Absolution

May the God of Love bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lucinarium

*The children and clergy gather at the Font to recall our Baptism into the risen life of Christ.
All turn to face the Font. A Gospel passage is read.*

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

*The Easter Candle is lit to remind us of the Light of Christ shining in our world.
As it is presented, the Minister proclaims:*

The Light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*All remain standing. The children process the Easter Candle around the Church, making the
Light of Christ known in our community, as we sing:*

We are marching in the Light of God,
we are marching in the Light of God. *(Repeat)*

Refrain: **We are marching, we are marching, o-oh,
we are marching in the Light of God.** *(Repeat)*

We are living in the love of God.
We are living ... *Refrain*

We are thankful for the cross of Christ.
We are thankful ... *Refrain*

All remain standing as this special prayer for today is offered.

The Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily lives
that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your living presence
to bind together and to heal;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit for

The New Testament Reading

At the end of which the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

The Gradual Hymn

First time through, sung by the Junior Choir only.

Jubilate, everybody,
Serve the Lord in all your ways, and
Come before his presence singing;
Enter now God's courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious, And the mercy everlasting.
Jubilate, jubilate jubilate Deo!

Jubilate 28 BAH



During communion all sing (seated)

The Communion Hymns

Purify my heart,
let me as gold and precious silver.
Purify my hear,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within and me be holy.
Purify my heart,
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

*Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my Master,
ready to do your will.*

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Give thanks with a grateful heart

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich"

because of what the Lord has done for us. *(Repeat All)*

Last time: Give thanks.

Give thanks 639 AM

The Junior Choir sings

An Anthem: More than enough

Maybe I'll never know the love it takes
To make me a happy home that's warm and safe,
And maybe I'll never see how you pray for my every need
And wonder what more you could do for me:

*But when you walk by my side, read me stories at night
And teach me to trust in God's love.*

*You give me a hug, maybe two and you say "I love you"
Then I think you're doing enough. [And I'm blessed by your love.]*

Maybe you wonder if you're teaching me
Every good thing that I can be
But all that I know of faith and of kindness and love and strength
I've learned just by watching you every day:

Someday I'll have a home, a family
And I'll love them just as much as you love me
Then maybe you'll finally see you have given enough for me
A gift that will last through eternity:

Shawna Edwards

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All sit or kneel to pray

The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we are bold to pray:
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All sing

Agnus Dei

♪ **Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace. (repeat all)**

All are welcome to come forward and receive communion. Please be guided by the stewards.

If you do not usually receive the bread you are invited to receive a blessing.

To indicate this, please bring this booklet with you. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

All remain standing and turn to where the Gospel is proclaimed.

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit for

The Talk

All stand to declare our faith in the living God.

The Creed

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

All sit or kneel for

The Prayers:

A lighted Candle may be placed on the Altar after each part of the Prayers to symbolise our offering or request before God. This response may be used:

*Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
Hear our prayer Lord, graciously hear us*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand for

The Peace:

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The peace is shared by waving to people and the words, "peace be with you."

Parish Notices

Please sit as notices are given.

All stand.

The bread and wine are brought to the Altar and a collection is taken whilst we sing

The Offertory Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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All remain standing. Children are invited to sit or kneel in front of the Altar.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**



The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

♪ **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends,
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

“Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.”

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: