

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY

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| | 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> |
| | 6.30pm | Passiontide Service: The Saviour | <i>St John's</i> |
| Monday | 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 4 | <i>St John's</i> |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service | <i>St John's</i> |
| Wednesday | 10.00am | Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i> | <i>St John's</i> |
| | 1.30pm | Funeral: Colin Francis | <i>St John's</i> |
| | 3.00pm | Friendship Teas | <i>St John's Hall</i> |
| | 4.00pm | Baptism Preparation | <i>St John's</i> |
| | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer | <i>St Francis'</i> |
| | 8.00pm | MASJ Board Meeting | <i>Office</i> |
| Thursday | 9.30am | Holy Communion | <i>St Stephen's</i> |
| | 10.00am | Lent Course: Session 3 | <i>St Stephen's</i> |
| | 11.15am | Mountbatten Communion | <i>Mountbatten Lodge</i> |
| | 8.00pm | Church Meeting: Fundraising Committee (<i>Rescheduled</i>) | <i>Zoom</i> |
| Friday | 5.45pm | Junior Choir Practice | <i>St John's Hall</i> |
| | 7.00pm | Choir Practice | <i>St John's</i> |

SUNDAY 24 MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

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| | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | <i>St John's</i> |
| | 10.00am | Blessing of Palms, Procession and Parish Eucharist | <i>St John's</i> |
| | | <i>Service begins in <u>Boxmoor Playhouse</u> and processes to St John's</i> | |
| | 10.00am | Sung Mass and Procession | <i>St Francis'</i> |
| | 11.30am | Holy Communion with Hymns | <i>St Stephen's</i> |
| | 6.30pm | Solemn Evensong and Benediction | <i>St Francis'</i> |

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 Farmborough, 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:

Foodbanks – those provided by DENS and St Mary's, Apsley, and for all who help and are being helped;

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

Colin Francis funeral: Wednesday 20 March, 1.30pm St John's
 Andrew Johnson funeral: Wednesday 27 March, 12.30pm Hemel Hempstead Crematorium
 Kim Handel, Marion Penfold, Doug Biddle, Geoff Weston, Stuart Savery;

those whose Years mind is this week: 17—23 March

Gillian Langston (17.03.19).

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.

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.

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.

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 6 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!

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 a few remaining walks for you to choose from. Please help us share the word of how we celebrate Christ's resurrection together. Thank you.

PALM SUNDAY:

- **Morning:** Our Parish Eucharist begins at Boxmoor Playhouse at 10.00am. We will then process to St John's – mirroring Jesus's procession into Jerusalem on a donkey – waving our palms. This is a great opportunity to witness to our faith. The Eucharist then proceeds as normal.
- **Evening:** To re-enforce the beginning of Holy Week there will be a special service of Solemn Evensong & Benediction at 6.30pm at St Francis, Hammerfield. Everyone is welcome.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES: Please see our poster/Easter Cards for details of all our services. It is a very moving week and you are warmly invited to come to all our services. Particular highlights include the **Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Watch, Good Friday's Hour at the Cross, Holy Saturday's Vigil, and Easter Sunday.** There will also be a Service of Prayers for Healing. This service is both to pray for people who have asked for our prayers and, if you would, to receive the ministry of anointing and laying on of hands. Please add names to be prayed for on the list at the back of St John's.

PASSIONTIDE ARRAY: In union with the Church universal our crosses, statues, and artwork have been veiled for the final two weeks of Lent. This deprivation is intended to encourage us to think about Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross more deeply.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Monday 18 March "*Experiences of a First Aider*" Speaker: Brian Heron, hosts Brenda Clark & Kieran Stone. Any questions can be directed to Di Tovey, 263669.

ST JOHN'S KNITTING AND SEWING GROUP: Meet this Tuesday, 19 March, 2.00–5.00pm in St John's. Come for a knit, a natter, crafting. All welcoming.

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 31 December 2023 should please reach Nicholas King (PCC Hon. Secretary) not later than 24 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

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