

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 24 MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Blessing of Palms, Procession & Parish Eucharist <i>Service begins in Boxmoor Playhouse and processes to St John's</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Sung Mass & Procession	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Holy Communion with Hymns	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	12.45pm	St John's Lunch Club	<i>St John's</i>
	6.30pm	Solemn Evensong & Benediction	<i>St Francis'</i>
Holy Monday	8.00pm	Holy Communion & Reflection	<i>St John's</i>
Holy Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	<i>St John's</i>
	8.00pm	Holy Communion & Reflection	<i>St John's</i>
Holy Wednesday	9.00am	Prayers for Healing	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	2.00pm	Holy Communion	<i>The Lodge Nursing Home</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross	<i>St Francis'</i>
MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.00pm	Parish Eucharist with the washing of feet <i>followed by The Watch of the Passion until 10.30pm</i>	<i>St John's</i>
GOOD FRIDAY	10.00am	All Age Stations of the Cross <i>Service begins at St Mary & St Joseph's RC Church</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	11.00am	Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead Walk of Witness <i>Meet at Riverside Entrance (Debenhams) to Marlowes</i>	
	2.00pm	An Hour at the Cross	<i>St John's</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's</i>
Easter Eve	Morning	Church cleaning and preparations for Easter	<i>All churches</i>
Saturday	8.00pm	The Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter <i>followed by Chocolates and Fizz</i>	<i>St Francis'</i>

SUNDAY 31 MARCH

EASTER SUNDAY

Nb: British Summer Time begins (Clocks go forward an hour)

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Easter Ceremonies <i>with Junior Choir, and followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Sung Mass of Easter	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Holy Communion with Hymns	<i>St Stephen's</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 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, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Paul Kessell-Holland, 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;

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Pray for the preparations for the walk of witness on Good Friday;

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

Andrew Johnson Funeral: Wednesday 27 March, 12.30pm Hemel Hempstead Crematorium
Colin Francis, Winifred Hutton;

those whose Years mind is this week: 24-30 March

Jean Stevens (21.03.22), John Luke-McDonald (24.03.22), Ian Williams (25.03.19), Herbert Lee (29.03.19).

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.

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.

ST JOHN'S LUNCH: TODAY, 12.45pm, in St John's Hall. Thank you for signing-up.

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 **Maunder Thursday Eucharist and Watch, Good Friday's Hour at the Cross, Holy Saturday's Vigil, and Easter Sunday**

If you are going away for Easter, please check <https://achurchnearyou.com> to find your nearest church to make your Easter communion.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: This Wednesday, 9.00am at St John's. Come and pray for all who have asked for our prayers, and if you wish, receive the ministry of laying-on of hands and anointing. If you would like someone to be prayed for by name, please add their name to the list at the back of church.

ALL AGE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Good Friday morning, 10.00am: Starts at St Mary & St Joseph's and then we walk back to St John's marking the route of Jesus' last journey to the cross and grave. Very moving. Suitable for all ages – especially children. All welcome.

EASTER SUNDAY:

- DON'T FORGET: THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD AN HOUR.
- The Parish Eucharist will begin outside (weather permitting) and begin with the Easter fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. Immediately after the Service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children.
- Decorating the Outside Cross: Once again we will have a cross outside St John's to show that the cross of shame and death has become the cross of life and hope. From Easter Sunday please decorate the cross with spring flowers to help show our community that Jesus is alive.

EASTER CARD PARISH DELIVERY: Thank you to all who have helped deliver the Easter Cards. All the Cards have now been delivered – much appreciated.

SPRING CLEAN: You are invited to the Spring Clean event to make St John's sparkle ready for our 150th Anniversary Celebrations at the start of May. Spring Cleaning will take place on Saturday 20 April 1.00–3.30pm. Refreshments will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Marion Davies. It would be great to have a large turn-out!

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) TODAY, 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

TINY TOTS: This week is the last session of term. Tots resumes on Tuesday 16 April, 9.30-11.00am. All pre-school children welcome.

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.

MAGAZINE: Our April edition of the Parish Magazine will be available at the back of our churches next Sunday.

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

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