

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 31 MARCH

EASTER SUNDAY

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

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Easter Ceremonies <i>with Junior Choir, and followed by Easter Egg Hunt</i>	St John's
10.00am	Sung Mass of Easter	St Francis'
11.30am	Holy Communion with Hymns	St Stephen's

Easter Monday

	<i>Bank Holiday – No services in the Parish</i>	
11.30am	<i>Easter Monday Pilgrimage</i>	St Albans Cathedral

Easter Wednesday

10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'

Easter Thursday

11.00am	Mountbatten Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
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Easter Friday

7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
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SUNDAY 7 APRIL

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

HAPPY EASTER

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

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:

Easter Day – pray for all Christians celebrating the resurrection of Jesus

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

Andrew Johnson, Winifred Hutton;

those whose Years mind is this week: 31 March – 6 April

Anne Higham (01.04.20), James Robertson (03.04.20), Judith Baker (05.0420).

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The core office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am–12noon.

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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.

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 FLOWERS: The Easter Altar flowers have been sponsored by Carole Lewis in loving memory of Godfrey Rock. Rest in peace and rise in Glory. Thank you to all our arrangers, decorators, and cleaners who have made our churches look so joyful in praise of the resurrection of Jesus.

HOLY WEEK: Thank you to all who have made this Holy Week so special and meaningful. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to walk beside you as we walked the way of Christ. May the joy of the resurrection fill our hearts to live as Easter people. *Fr Mike.*

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: This will be held on Sunday 21 April at 11.15am at St John's church following a combined Parish Eucharist at 10.00am. Please see notices posted at each church for further details. Supporting papers will be available in due course.

PRAY HEMEL The next pray Hemel will be on Saturday 6 April at New Life Pentecostal Church Lawn Lane, HP3 9JF. Refreshments from 8.00am, Worship from 8.30am.

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

PARISH MAGAZINE: Our April edition of the Parish Magazine is available at the back of our churches for collection and delivery.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Danni and Gary Mullery on the safe arrival of their third child, Lottie. Lottie was born on Tuesday morning. Mum and baby are doing well – big sisters are besotted. Congratulation.

TINY TOTS: Tots resumes on Tuesday 16 April, 9.30-11.00am. All pre-school children welcome.

MESSAGE FROM GRAHAM GIBBS: I Would like to thank everyone for the wonderful surprise I had last Sunday to mark my 80th Birthday. I am sure you all enjoyed the cake as much as I did! Thankyou too, for your love, kindness, and support over many years.

POST-EASTER BREAK: The Vicar will be on Annual leave with his family (and recovering from Holy Week!) between 6-17 April. If you have any particular pastoral concerns during this time, please contact Marian Davies, Churchwarden, 07557 953707, who will liaise with a priest as appropriate. There will be no public services of Morning Prayer during this time.

SJB 150th EXHIBITION: A reminder that we will be holding an Exhibition of flowers, artefacts, registers between 27–30 June. If you or a member of your family was baptised or married at St John's please send in your pictures so that they can be displayed in a screen show to SJB150@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk Please also spread the word.

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.

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