

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 14 APRIL

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am *No Service this week*

10.00am **Parish Eucharist**

10.00 am **Sung Mass**

11.30am **Holy Communion**

St John's

St Francis'

St Stephen's

Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	<i>St John's</i>
	2.00pm	Knitting, Sewing and Craft	<i>St John's</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	3.00pm	Friendship Teas	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Thursday	11.00am	Mountbatten Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
	12 noon	Wedding Blessing Rehearsal	<i>St John's</i>
Friday	5.45pm	Junior Choir Practice	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Saturday	11.00am	Wedding Blessing: John & Jane Briffett	<i>St John's</i>
	1.00pm	Spring Clean of St John's	<i>St John's</i>

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am **Combined Parish Eucharist followed by ACPM**

No Service at St Francis' this week

No Service at St Stephen's this week

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

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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, Marion Cowe, Hugh Cumberland, 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, Melissa Clayton, Peter Clayton, Val Darvill, Eve Davis, 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:

7 April: St Pauls Church, Highfield

14 April: Belmont Road Baptist Church

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

Marie Deacon, Winifred Hutton;

those whose Years mind is this fortnight: 7-21 April:

Lilian May Goddard (07.04.19), Joyce Gower (09.04.19), Tina Webbley (12.04.23), Albert Philp (12.04.23), Jenny Rodway (16.04.20), Len Taylor (19.04.20).

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.

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION: NO SERVICE on 7 or 14 April. Apologies for any inconvenience.

EASTER FLOWERS:

- The Altar flowers for the week beginning Sunday 7 April have been given by Graham Gibbs in loving memory of his mother, Rose, who died 40 years ago on 8 April 1984.
- The Altar flowers for the week beginning Sunday 14 April have been given by Thelma Bartley 'In memory of Donald Bartley - a dearly loved husband, father, and friend'.
- Don't forget to keep decorating the Cross outside St John's to share the resurrection with this community.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB: Our next meeting is on 15 April, 7.45pm, when our speaker, Penny Pomroy will share *Tales from the Playhouse*. Our hosts are Val and Alan Darvill. All welcome.

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

KNITTING, SEWING, & CRAFT GROUP: Come along and craft/sew/natter and drink tea on Tuesday 16 April, 2.00–5.00pm, at the back of St John's. All welcome.

FRIENDSHIP TEAS: Our next Teas is on Wednesday 17 April, 3.00–4.30pm in St John's Hall. Come along and enjoy cake and a natter – bring someone or get to meet someone new. All welcome.

If anyone in the congregation/Church family can help with cakes/sandwiches Wilf would be most grateful. Please contact Wilf on wilf.stepto96@gmail.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Marion Cowe will be 90 on Wednesday 10 April. Please join us to celebrate with a cake after the morning service on Sunday 14 April. Marion is hoping to be at church to see you all then.

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: These will be held on Sunday 21st April at 11am at St John's church. Please see notices posted at each church for further details. Supporting papers will be available in due course.

ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATES: The draft updated ELECTORAL ROLL is available for review at St John's Church near the west doors or in the Parish Office. This is ready for checking before the forthcoming APCM but do please advise Ian Packe on 214126 or email electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk if you discover any errors.

QUIZ NIGHT: Our next Quiz night is on Saturday 27 April, 7.30pm, in St John's Hall. Spaces are going fast with only 2 or 3 Tables of 8 people remaining. Please contact Alan Munford if you would like to join the Quiz/book a table or a place at a table. If you like quizzes you are sure to have a good time.

SJB 150th JUBILEE EUCHARIST: On Sunday 5 May we will celebrate 150 years of the Consecration of the current St John's Church. This will be Bishop Alan's first engagement following time away recuperating from illness and he will be our guest preacher and celebrant at the Eucharist. Former vicars, curates, and other ministers and family representatives will also be returning for this special service which will have elements of: thanks to God for St John, our Patron; thanks for our founders and benefactors; liturgy from our All Age Eucharist as well as more traditional liturgy; music sung by our adult and junior choirs. A lunch will follow the service in the Hall. **Please sign-up for the lunch** – an ideal time to catch-up with former clergy and readers.

There will be no services at St Francis' or St Stephen's that Sunday.

SJB 150th EXHIBITION: 27-30 June, St John's will host an Exhibition charting our common life over the first 150 years of our current church. Flowers, pictures, registers, stories will portray our story. If you/a family member/friend were baptised or married at St John's please send in your pictures to SJB150@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk or leave them in the Office to be displayed on a screen show. Please spread the word.

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.

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