

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 21 APRIL

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	<b>Combined Parish Eucharist</b> <i>followed by ACPM</i> <i>No service at St Francis today</i> <i>No service at St Stephen's today</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	6.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<i>St John's</i>
Monday	11.00am	Burial of Ashes: Derek Rhoden	<i>St John's</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	<i>St John's</i>
	12.30pm	Hemel Deanery Chapter <i>No PCC Standing Committee</i>	<i>St Francis'</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by Coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	11.00am	Burial of Ashes: Doreen & John Moles	<i>St John's</i>
	2.00pm	Holy Communion	<i>The Lodge</i>
	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation	<i>St John's</i>
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's</i>
Saturday	7.30pm	Quiz Night	<i>St John's hall</i>

## SUNDAY 28 APRIL

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	<b>Sung Mass</b>	<i>St Francis'</i>
	10.00am	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	11.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	3.00pm	Farewell "Songs of Praise" to The Reverend Lizzie Hood	<i>Leverstock Green</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, 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; Cathy & Trevor Stone

**those with ongoing needs:** Richard Berry, John Bery, Peter Clayton, Melissa Clayton, Val Darvill, Gill Dow, Eve Davis, 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:**

Our Member of Parliament, Dacorum Borough Council and Councillors, and our County Councillors

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

Marie Deacon, Anne Wyburd, Malcolm Burn

#### **those whose Years mind is this week: 21–27 April:**

John Paton (22.04.21), Terence Dodd (25.04.19), Rosemary Parish (26.04.22), Lyn Bevan (27.04.20).

## **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](http://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 FLOWERS:**

- The Altar flowers this week have been given by Di Tovey 'In memory of Pat Lawford, a much-loved mother and grandmother.'
- Don't forget to keep decorating the Cross outside St John's to share the resurrection with this community. Thank you to all who have decorated it already.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** This Sunday, following a combined Parish Eucharist at 10.00am at St John's. Meeting will likely start 11.15/11.30am. Please see notices posted at each church for further details. Supporting papers available on our website and in church. There are **No services at St Francis and St Stephen's today** as a result of the APCM.

**CHORAL EVENSONG:** TONIGHT at 6.30pm. Music will include Robertson's *All in the April evening*, *Rose Responses*, and Bairstow's *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*, and Stanford's *Evening Service in G*. Come and share this oasis of prayer and praise, music and silence.

**TINY TOTS:** Tiny Tots continues this Tuesday, 9.30–11.00am. All pre-school children welcome.

**SPRING CLEAN:** Thank you to all who took part in the Spring Clean on Saturday. Your efforts are much appreciated.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Our next Quiz night is this coming Saturday, 27 April, 7.30pm, in St John's Hall. 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.

**FAREWELL TO LIZZIE:** Join the Reverend Lizzie Hood next Sunday 28 April for her farewell service of Songs of Praise to mark the beginning of her retirement from fulltime ministry. 3.00pm service at Holy Trinity Leverstock Green. Lizzie served her curacy in Boxmoor before becoming incumbent of Leverstock Green in 2012. We send love and prayers to her and her family.

**SJB 150<sup>th</sup> 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. Coffee and refreshments will follow the service in church so that you can meet-up with clergy past and present. A lunch for invited guests will follow the service in the Hall. There will be no services at St Francis' or St Stephen's that Sunday.

**SJB 150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:SJB150@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) or leave them in the Office to be displayed on a screen show. Please spread the word.

**MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB:** Congratulations to the winners of the March Music Percentage Club draw; 1<sup>st</sup>: Sheila James, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gina Harbour, £8 Gill; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Williams, £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.'

**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.

**SAFEGUARDING NOTICE:** Should anyone be in need of advice or help concerning a safeguarding matter, please approach the Vicar or Rosie Akeroyd, Parish Safeguarding Officer.

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

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