

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	3.00pm	Farewell "Songs of Praise" to The Reverend Lizzie Hood	Leverstock Green
Monday	All Day	High level cleaning	St John's
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Finance Committee	Office
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's
	11.15am	Bereavement Committee	St John's
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by Coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	11.00am	Mountbatten Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
Friday	5.45pm	Junior Choir Practice	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall
Saturday	7.30pm	Concert: Hemel Symphony Orchestra	St John's

SUNDAY 5 MAY

ST JOHN'S DAY – 150TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Festival Jubilee Eucharist	St John's
		<i>President & Preacher: The Bishop of St Albans</i>	
		<i>No Service at St Francis' or St Stephen's today.</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:

For our Schools: Teachers, governors, admin assistants, the children and young people;

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

Marie Deacon Malcolm Burn

those whose Years mind is this week: 28 April – 4 May:

Elizabeth Ada Smith (02.05.22), Sidney Smith (04.05.20)

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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 FLOWERS:

- The Altar flowers today are given by Jonathan and Joshua Bradshaw in loving memory of their father Michael Bradshaw, a former choir boy at St John's, in recognition of what would have been his 91st birthday.
- 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.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB: Join us to hear about Historic Churches with Speaker Canon Malcolm Grant. Hosted by Sally-Anne Bates and Rae Warby

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

ENGAGEMENT Congratulations to former Chorister Jeremy Fisher on his engagement to Nicolle Nobles. They are to be married on Saturday 21 September in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

ECO CHURCH: Please remember to take a look at the eco church noticeboard at the back of church - there are some sustainable events coming up - including one this weekend (if you get the newsletter in time) between 10-2) at Sunnyside, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, Grab and Grow all about seeds and a spring activity trail. Thanks, The Eco team.

FAREWELL TO LIZZIE: Join the Reverend Lizzie Hood today 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 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. 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.

BEATING THE PARISH BOUNDS: On Monday 6 May, Bank Holiday Monday, the Vicar will be beating the Parish Bounds as part of our Jubilee Celebrations. The boundary is roughly 14miles and takes in a couple of watering holes along the way (Top of the Word and The Three Horse Shoes). This will begin and end at St John's – setting off at 10.30am and aiming to be back for around 3.00pm where a BBQ will be held (having started already at 2.30pm). He would love some company on the walk or you might like to join him for a drink at either of those establishments (more details on the Notice boards in St John's) and would especially like to see you at the BBQ for some social time together.

MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE: Sunday 12 May, 6.30pm. The Mayor this year has been one of our ward councillors, Cllr William Allen. As part of a week of musical festivities St John's will host his Civic Service where music will play a key part as we pray for and give thanks for our Borough and Town. Please come along and pray for the life of our community.

MASJ MUSIC FESTIVAL: 10–12 May, lots of fabulous music to be enjoyed. Please see posters at the back of St John's. This launches the Spring Friday Lunchtime Concert series.

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.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the March Music Percentage Club draw; 1st: Sheila James, £15; 2nd: Gina Harbour, £8 Gill; 3rd: 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.

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