

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 5 MAY

ST JOHN'S DAY – 150TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

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

Monday	10.30am	Beating the Parish Bounds – set off from St John's Glass doors	<i>St John's</i>
	from 2.30pm	BBQ	<i>St John's</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	<i>St John's</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by Coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Thursday		THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	
	11.00am	Burial of Ashes Marion Penfold	<i>St John's</i>
	8.00pm	Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist	<i>St Barnabas, Adeyfield</i>
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert & Lunch Bernice Clark <i>Soprano</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Saturday	1.00pm	MASJ Festival – Concert: Dacorum Music School	<i>St John's</i>
	7.00pm	MASJ Festival – Concert: Vale Symphonic Wind Band	<i>St John's</i>

SUNDAY 12 MAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

8.00am	Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
10.00am	Sung Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
12.00 pm	Holy Baptism	<i>St John's</i>
6.30pm	Civic Service	<i>St John's</i>

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

for peace between Israeli and Palestinian, and for the peoples of Ukraine;

those to be baptised next Sunday: Isabella Andrews

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:

Church of the resurrection – Grovehill, with their Anglican and Free Church congregation and their RC Congregation

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

Jean Harries

those whose Years mind is this week: 5 May –11 May :

PARISH NOTICES

LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK: Due to a technical issue our Festival Eucharist will go out after the live service as a recording. We hope this will be later that afternoon but it may take up to 24 hours. Thank you for your understanding.

EASTER FLOWERS:

- The High Altar flowers have been given by Garth Bridgewood 'In loving memory of his parents Paul and Eileen Bridgewood'.
- 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.

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

SJB 150th JUBILEE EUCHARIST: Today we are celebrating 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 are no services at St Francis' or St Stephen's today.

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 14 miles and takes in a couple of watering holes along the way (Top of the World 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.

ASCENSION DAY: You are invited to our Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist at St Barnabas, Adeyfield, this Thursday, 8.00pm. All are welcome to this great feast and to experience worship in a sister church in our deanery.

THY KINGDOM COME: During the 10 days between The Ascension and Pentecost you are encouraged to mirror the disciples in praying for the gift of the Spirit and the growth of God's Church here on earth. Perhaps you could pray for 5 people at 5pm every day that they might come to know Jesus as their friend and brother, saviour and redeemer.

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.

JEAN HARRIES RIP: It is with sadness we report the passing Jean Harries who died on Friday evening. Jean had been a faithful member of this Church for many years. Our condolences to her family. May the holy angels lead her to paradise. Details of her funeral will be announced when known.

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 April Music Percentage Club draw: 1st Job Rombout, £15; 2nd Lorraine Ioannou, 8; 3rd Richard Lyne, £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.

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.

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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