

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 12 MAY

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

	8.00am	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
	12.00 pm	Holy Baptism	St John's
	6.30pm	Civic Service	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's
	2.00pm	Knitting, sewing & craft group	St John's
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: PCC	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by Coffee</i>	St John's
	3.00pm	Friendship teas	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	11.00am	Mountbatten Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
Friday	12.30pm	MASJ Lunchtime Concert & Lunch	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's Hall

## SUNDAY 19 MAY

## FEAST OF PENTECOST

	8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	3.00pm	Messy Church	St John's

### OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

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

those to be baptised today: Isabella Andrews

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Becky, Stewart Blake, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Rev David Brooke, Arthur Brown, 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, 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:

Trustees of Churches Together

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

Jean Harries

those whose Years mind is this week: 12–18 May:

Winifred Jones (16.05.23)

## PARISH NOTICES

**LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK:** Due to ongoing technical issue our Parish 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 Altar flowers have been given by Gillian Dow 'In loving memory of both families'
- 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.

**THY KINGDOM COME:** During these 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.

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

**KNITTING SEWING CRAFT GROUP:** Join us for a cup of tea and biscuits on Tuesday 14 May 2.00–4.00pm in Church. Some will be knitting, crocheting or sewing but all are welcome to join us.

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS:** The next friendship tea will be on the Wednesday 20 June. If you know someone who is likely to be lonely come and join us 3.00–4.30pm. If you enjoy tea, cake, and a natter – come and join us. As always, I shall make and bring my sausage rolls and liver-and-onion pasties. A big thank you in advance to everyone who contributes cakes, sandwiches, etc... Last month we raised £25 in proceeds for St John's Church, and with Gift Aid this will become £31.25. *Wilf Stepto.*

**BEATING THE PARISH BOUNDS:** We did it! Despite the unrelenting rain 6 soggy sojourners made it round the entire 14 miles of our parish boundary on Monday. A further 10 people joined for part of the walk with still others joining at the watering holes and for the BBQ at the end. Thank you to all who took part/supported/fed us.

**MESSY CHURCH:** NEXT SUNDAY, 19 May, 3.00–5.00pm, All Welcome. Explore the power of the Spirit given at Pentecost and the work the Church does through Christian Aid through craft, games, food and worship. No need to book – just come along. Perfect for all aged children.

**150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Eucharist:** THANK YOU! What a celebration of who we are as a Church, and how we worship, and how we love and pray for one another, and this community. So many people were involved in the celebrations it is impossible to name you all but I am most grateful. If you were unable to be with us the Service is now available on our website. May God be praised for giving us this House of Prayer in which we may know him and each other, and for our witness here as Easter people. *Fr Mike.*

**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 April Music Percentage Club draw: 1<sup>st</sup> Job Rombout, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lorraine Ioannou, 8; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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