

NEXT SUNDAY: 24 FEBRUARY

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Services at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung High Mass & Lunch
		<i>President and Preacher: The Bishop of Richborough</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong and Benediction
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Holy Communion

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INTINCTION OR DIPPING AT COMMUNION: You may well have read an article in *The Times* recently as to this practice whereby the host (bread) is dipped into the wine at communion by the recipient. This practice potentially spreads more germs than simply receiving the chalice. To help minimise the spread of germs – especially during the cold and flu season – please would those who instinct/dip refrain from this practice. If you don't want to receive the common cup that is fine, you do not have to. You have fully received of Christ in one kind.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS for next Sunday's newsletter (in writing please) to Annie Mitchell **by Tuesday please** (maximum length 4 lines of A5). If separate flyers are to be produced, please let her know. **Items for inclusion should now be emailed to:** newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk

Newsletter by email. You can receive a copy of this Newsletter every week by email. Send your email address to stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk and you will be added to the distribution list.

PARISH MAGAZINE: Please note that the deadline for articles for the **April 2019** magazine, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 3 March**. You can email direct to magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk (A5 format please), or leave in pigeonhole in church or deliver direct to 27 Beechfield Road, Sally-Anne Bates, Editor. Tel: 266912.

*Please take this Newsletter home with you as a reminder
of those who have asked for your prayers and events you may wish to attend*

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THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Services at St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Hymns: 207, 238, 2, 212i,

Yellow Book: 15.

Anthem: Long – Fight the Good Fight

Voluntary: Bach – Prelude in G BWV 541

6.30pm Taizé Service

Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden Service at St Francis, Hammerfield

11.15am Morning Worship

10.00am Sung Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 18-23 February

Daily: 8.45am Morning Prayer 5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)

MONDAY 6.30pm Together on Monday Club – AGM and Supper (Hall)
for 7.00pm

TUESDAY **No Tiny Tots: - Half Term**

11.00am Funeral – Iris Grover

WEDNESDAY 10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')

THURSDAY 9.30am Holy Communion (St Stephen's)

FRIDAY 2.30pm Women's Fellowship (Hall 1)
7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)

SATURDAY 10.00am Coffee Morning

Details of next Sunday Services are on the back of the Newsletter

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Carey Baptist Church

those to be baptised: Kody Isaac Hales;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Catherine Keppel, Beryl King, Samuel and James Lockyer, Pauline Webb;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, Sheila Charge, Doreen Chilton, Margaret Delph, Angela Green, Andrew Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Brian Laidlaw, Ruth Merry, Godfrey Rock, David Stevens, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Christine Wilson, Rory Wilson, Mike Winch;

Prayers for others with ongoing needs are offered at our weekday services.

If you wish to be remembered at Morning and Evening Prayer only, please contact the vicar.

those who have died:

Iris Grover f: 19 February, 11.00am at St John's
Nora Field, Pam Quinlan

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (17-23 February):

Kerline Hyde (19.2.2014), Stefan Ader (20.2.2014), Rev'd Valerie Rockall (23.2.2017),
Sylvia Shreeves (23.2.2018).

TODAY

Copies of today's readings (including large print) are available at the back of each church.

TAIZÉ SERVICE: tonight, 6.30pm at St John's. A chance to be still, pray, and reflect in God's presence through the medium of chant and candles. All welcome.

THIS WEEK

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: This Friday, 22 February in the hall at 2.30pm. We shall have a talk on "When the railway came through the town centre". New members welcome. Jean Garner.

ToM's AGM on Monday. We are starting at 6.30pm, meal at 7pm, followed by AGM. Di Tovey 263669.

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY – GADE VALLEY HARRIERS MARATHON TRAINING RUN:

Parking next week might be an issue due to the planned training run. If you are finding it difficult, the car park in Park Road is the nearest and cheapest pay & display to St John's. Sorry for any inconvenience.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Praying for Slovenia – A Service for Everyone. Friday 1 March, 11.00am at Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill (behind the Henry Wells shops HP2 6BJ).

PARISH NOTICES

LENT COURSE: The Gifts of the Spirit.... Our Lent Course this year will take place over 5 weeks starting in the week beginning **11 March**. There will be a choice of sessions on **Monday evenings:** 7.30pm Eucharist, 8pm course session at St John's or **Thursday mornings:** 9.30am Eucharist, 10am course session at St Stephens. Each session will last about an hour. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to assist our planning.

PANCAKE PARTY: Shrove Tuesday (5 March), 4.00-5.30pm for under 12s. Games, pancakes races, quizzes, and of course pancakes to eat. £1 per child. Please sign-up at the back of church to give an indication of numbers for catering purposes.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday 6 March

I strongly encourage you to come to one of our celebrations of the Eucharist to mark the beginning of Lent and our journeying with Christ towards his death and resurrection. All welcome.

10.30am BCP Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes – St John's
8.00pm Sung Parish Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes – St John's

BOXMOOR GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME: Many of us have been part of Neighbourhood Watch for years. This scheme is more than that. It not only asks us to look out for each other's property but also for each other by helping our vulnerable neighbours get to appointments, visiting and befriending folk or helping with shopping. A pilot scheme is to be run in Boxmoor. Is this something with which you might like to be involved? Speak to the Vicar if so.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU: Over the Christmas period, as ill health and time with families prevented many of our very active volunteers from performing many of their duties, I was struck by how much of our common life is orchestrated by a few people. This is not healthy. If we want to be a Church that thrives, is inclusive, and offers a wide variety of services and events we need to all take responsibility for our common life. There are many ways in which this can be achieved from helping with church cleaning to being a sidesperson and welcomer, a server or coffee maker. Over the coming weeks please consider how you might be able to help sustain our common life.

BOXMOOR TRUST CONSULTATION: You may have seen in the local Press that Boxmoor Trust are canvassing opinion concerning certain parts of their estate. In order to fully resource their work for the future they are exploring deregistering and exchanging small parcels of land. If you wish to register your opinion see the back of St John's for the relevant paperwork.

A NEW Electoral Roll is to be created during the run up to the 2019 APCM. For the first time in six years, this will be a full replacement of the existing roll so if you wish to be able to vote at the APCM, you will need to complete a new application form. These are available by the main doors of all our three churches. More details are on page 8 of the February Parish Magazine. Ian Packe, email: electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk.

DOG WALKING: A neighbour of ours in River Park would like to undertake some dog walking in the Boxmoor Area. If you or anyone you know would like to use such a service please contact me and I will put you in touch. Carole Lewis, parish lay-reader.