

## FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

The altar flowers last weekend were in loving memory of Joy Jones, sponsored by her sister, Mary; brother-in-law, Steve; sons Richard and Graham; daughters-in-laws Pauline and Adelaide and her grandchildren.

## NEXT SUNDAY: 9 December – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer with Hymns
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Holy Communion
Services at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung Mass

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**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 **February 2019** magazine, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 6 January**. 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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## ADVENT SUNDAY

### Services at St John's

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**9.30am Parish Eucharist**

*Hymns: 28, 31, 32, 250.*

*Yellow book: 31*

*Anthem: Advent Message - How*

**11.30am Holy Baptism**

**6.30pm Advent Carol Service**

with Licencing of The Reverend Canon Dr Ruth Goatly  
as Associate Minister

### Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden

**11.15am Morning Worship**

### Service at St Francis, Hammerfield

**10.00am Sung Mass**

## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 3 -8 December

<b>Daily:</b>	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>11.30am Holy Communion</b> at Mountbatten Lodge	6.00pm Hope for Children Christmas Carol Concert
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>The office will be closed today.</i>	
	9.30am Tiny Tots stay & play and & service (Hall & Church)	
	6.30pm Office Hour (Wedding & Baptism enquiries)	
	8.00pm Standing Committee (Hall 2)	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.30am Holy Communion</b> followed by coffee	
	5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')	
	6.00pm Boxmoor Primary School Christmas Carol Service	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>The office will be closed today.</i>	
	<b>9.30am Holy Communion</b> (St Stephen's)	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9.30am Burial of Ashes – Doris Fisher	
	10.00am Coffee Morning	
	3.30pm Aeolian Singers Christmas Concert	

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

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** The Salvation Army – town centre;

**those being baptised today:** Edith Eve Summers-Leat, Dominic Biagio Fava;

**those who are ill:** John Hutton, Pam Hart, Samuel and James Lockyer, Pauline Webb, Beryl King, Ivan Martin, Janet Hislop, Godfrey Rock, Lynsey Abbott;

**those with ongoing needs:** Sheila Charge, Angela Green, Jean Harries, Beryl Taylor, David Stevens, Jean Stevens, Christine Wilson, Rory Wilson, Steve Hanwell, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Brian Laidlaw, Anne Hosier, Ruth Merry, Ian Williams;

*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:**

**and we pray for their families and friends.**

**Years mind (2-8 Dec):** Pauline Mary Fisk (3.12.2013), Joyce Moore (4.12.2013), Donald Ephraim Savage (4.12.2013), Stanley George Jefferey (6.12.2016).

## TODAY

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

**JUNIOR CHURCH:** This term children will be invited to remain in Junior Church until just before we receive Communion. As usual they will go to Junior Church after the first hymn.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.30AM SERVICE:** Today the refreshments are part of a double celebration: for our newly confirmed members of the Church, and for Margaret Webb on the occasion of her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Congratulations.

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE WITH LICENCING:** A service of music and readings, taking us from darkness to light, as we recall how the coming light of Christ dispels the darkness through his birth in Bethlehem. 6.30pm at St John's. During which the Reverend Canon Dr Ruth Goatly will be licenced as Associate Minister of this parish. I look forward to seeing you at this service as you show your support and welcome to Ruth.

## THIS WEEK

**ADVENT CHALLENGE:** We all like to receive a gift at Christmas but sadly not everyone will, or if they do exchange gifts other things will go by the by. Can you help? Instead of taking something out of your Advent Calendar everyday can you put something into an Advent box that can be of help and use to a family with nothing like toys, clothes, nappies, or someone in need of food and hygiene products? All gifts will then be sorted and given to DENS and Dacorum Safe Haven (women's and children's refuge).

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT:** in aid of Hope for Children on Monday 3 December 6-8pm at St John's. Tickets £5, under 5s free.

## NEXT WEEK

**CAROLS ROUND THE TREES:** As part of the Christmas Tree Festival we shall have Carol Singing, in St John's, on Saturday 15 December at 2pm. All are welcome. If he is not otherwise engaged, Fr Christmas has promised to make an appearance.

## PARISH NOTICES

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY:** The Christmas Cards for delivery throughout the parish are now ready at the back of St John's church by the font. **Please volunteer to take a bundle or 2 to deliver.** Sign in the blue folder, so we know who has taken each walk. Any questions please see Alan Munford. Many thanks.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** The Churchwardens would like to thank everyone who contributed towards the outside tree. We have collected enough to pay for a large tree so thanks to all of you and especially to Andy and Dee Fisher who have very kindly paid for the lights to go on it. It will be a beacon shining out to remind Boxmoor that the true meaning of Christmas is found within the Christian faith tradition.

**STEWARDS and REFRESHMENT HELPERS:** are required to help in church during the Christmas Tree Festival. Please volunteer by putting your name down on the rotas at the back of church. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Once again the Parish is selling a uniquely designed card where all proceeds will benefit Church Funds. We will also be offering for sale cards in aid of DENS. Do please take this opportunity to support the Church and our local community. Cards will be on sale at the Fayre, and then after the main morning services.

**DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Thursday 20 December, 6pm, at St John's. Come along to this concert of carols and festive music with poems and readings on a Christmas theme. Children are welcome free of charge, concessions £7.50. Adult tickets are £10 on the door or £7.50 in advance from 07976 792490 or choir members. There will be a collection with all proceeds going to the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Refreshments are included and available after the concert.

**ROTARY SANTA SLEIGH:** Thank you very much to the intrepid elves who assisted Santa, in the rain and wind on Thursday evening, to raise money for the Rotary Club and their charitable causes – of which we are one. Sterling effort – Thank you.

**HIGH LEVEL DEEP CLEAN:** Sincere thanks to Grant Philips (member of our 9.30am congregation) and his employers SpaceVac for giving St John's a thorough high level clean for free as part of their social responsibility charitable giving last Thursday. What a difference the removal of 5+ years of dirt, dust, and grime makes to the arches. Nothing like a clean house of prayer to prepare for a major festival. Thank you.

**PARISH WEBSITE:** Our new parish website is now live: [www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk). After 3 years in the making, and countless technical faults, this is now ready to be used. The old site is still available but will soon be redirected to the new site. Sincere thanks to working group for this endeavour, but in particular to Stacey Barton and Ian Packe for their technical knowledge and dogged determination to get this launched.