

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.

TINY TOTS NEW YEAR PARTY – Tuesday 8th January from 11.30 -1pm in the Hall. Tickets £3.50 per child are now available from Annie Mitchell. Please buy them early to help us with planning and catering so we have enough of everything for everyone. Our new term starts the following Tuesday, 15th January, from 9.30 in the hall – new members always welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY: 23 DECEMBER – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Holy Communion
Services at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung Mass



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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NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Hymns: 470, 29, 384, 28

Sheet: Wait for the Lord

Anthem: People Look East – arr Archer

6.30pm Evening Prayer with Hymns

Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden

11.15am Holy Communion

Service at St Francis, Hammerfield

10.00am Sung Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 17-22 December

Daily: 8.45am Morning Prayer 5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
said in Quire: Mon – Wed; Thurs – Sat in the Lady Chapel

MONDAY 10am-5pm Christmas Tree Festival

2.00pm Burial of Ashes – Reg Farmborough

TUESDAY 10am-5pm Christmas Tree Festival

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight (St Francis')

6.30pm **Office Hour - CANCELLED**

6.30pm Gade Valley Primary School Christmas Concert

WEDNESDAY 8.30-10.15 Removal of Trees from church and sale

10.30am Holy Communion

12 noon Funeral – Mei Chun Foenander

2.15pm South Hill School Christmas Carol Service

5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')

THURSDAY 9.00am Heath Lane Nursery School Christmas Carol Service

9.30am Holy Communion (St Stephen's)

6.00pm Dacorum Community Choir Christmas Concert

FRIDAY 2.30pm Women's Fellowship Christmas Party (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: The Society of Friends (Quakers) – Old Town

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

those with ongoing needs: Sheila Charge, Angela Green, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, 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:

Vera Louie Ewer, Ivan Martin

“Beeny” Mei Chun Foenander, (Funeral 12noon, 19 December at St John’s)

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (16-22 Dec):

Reginald Bouttell (17.12.15), Ivy Johnson (19.12.17), Joan Lovegrove (20.12.16), Brenda Banks (20.12.15), Hayley Makepeace (21.12.15), Irene Mallord (22.12.13),

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.

TONIGHT’S EVENING SERVICE: Evening Prayer with Hymns – 6.30pm, in Quire, St John’s.

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).

KEN FARMBOROUGH: would like to inform everyone that Reg’s ashes will be interred at 2.00pm on Monday 17 December. Ken would also like to invite people to join him afterwards at the Three Blackbirds for refreshment.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Tuesday 18 December, 6.00pm, at St Francis. Donations in aid of The Hospice of St Francis. A Service of Readings and Carols for Christmas – by candlelight as we build the Crib. Music from the Vicar and the Lea Rig Band Ensemble. Mince pies and Mulled wine to follow.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP: will have having a Christmas Party at 2.30pm on Friday, 21 December. Please come along.

FESTIVAL OF 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sunday 23 December, 6.30pm.

Traditional Carol Service of Readings and Music enhanced this year by The St John’s Ensemble. Everyone welcome. Followed by Mince Pies and Mulled wine.

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.

NEXT WEEK

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES: Please take a Christingle tube for each child you will be bringing to this service so as to raise money for the Children’s Society. Don’t forget to arrive early as they are very popular services. And please invite people to come along.

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERMON: To help the Vicar with his sermon please would you bring a Christmas present, that you have opened, with you for the Vicar to use to tell the Christmas Story.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY: Thank you to everyone who helped deliver these cards, spreading the news around the Parish re our Christmas services. 77 of the 78 walks have now been delivered, a total of 6767 cards. In total 40 people helped, but 2 people between them did 23 walks delivering over 2000 cards. Particular thanks to Linda Gair (880 cards) and Alan Munford (1200+ cards) for your splendid effort.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Only a few packs of Christmas Cards remain. Get yours before it is too late and you run out of time to write them. See Chris Angell at the back of church to buy some. All proceeds to the Parish.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION: If you are going away this Christmas I strongly encourage you to find a nearby Church in which to make your Christmas Communion. You might find this site helpful: www.achurchnearyou.co.uk

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB UPDATE: Congratulations to our November Draw Winners; Sheila James 1st £15, Stella Chandler 2nd £8, Marion Roff 3rd £4. If you would like to join the Music Percentage Club and support MASJ in this way then there are Entry forms in the church or feel free to call me on 01442 230399 or see me in church. Mark Harbour - on behalf of MASJ.

THANK YOU: to all who have helped with the Christmas Tree Festival in any way and to those who have stewarded at the various School Carol Services and Concerts – much appreciated.

OFFICE HOUR: The next Office Hour to discuss Baptisms and Marriage will be on 8 January 2018, 6.30-7.30pm. Should you need to speak with a priest before then please contact the Vicar.