

NEWSLETTER

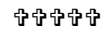
SAINT JOHN'S
BOXMOOR

With
St Stephens
Chaulden &
St Francis
Hammerfield

NEXT SUNDAY: 30 DECEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Services at St John's: **8.00am** **Holy Communion (BCP)**
 9.30am **Combined Parish Eucharist**

(No Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden) (No Service at St Francis, Hammerfield)



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 **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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at St John's

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30am **Parish Eucharist**

Hymns: 26, 31, 484, 360, 422

Anthem: The Angel Gabriel – arr Archer

6.30pm **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

With the St John's Ensemble

followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden

11.15am **Holy Communion**

Service at St Francis, Hammerfield

10.00am **Sung Mass**

CHRISTMAS EVE

Service at St John's

2.30pm **Christingle Service** *(doors open at 2.00pm)*

4.30pm **Christingle Service** *(doors open at 4.00pm)*

6.30pm **Crib Service** *(doors open at 6.00pm)*

11.10pm **Carol Singing** *(Choir and congregational carols)*

11.30pm **Midnight Mass** *(First Eucharist of Christmas)*

CHRISTMAS DAY

Service at St John's

9.30am **Parish Christmas Eucharist**

Hymns from Boxmoor Carol Booklet: 6 7, 27, 29, 4, 15

Anthem: Calypso Carol - Perry

(No service at St Stephen's, Chaulden)

Service at St Francis, Hammerfield

10.00am **Sung Mass of Christmas**

The collections taken at the Festival of Lessons and Carols, the Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas morning will be for our Christmas charities: Crisis, DENS, and PCC funds.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 26-29 December

*Morning and Evening Prayer will not be said publicly in church
24 December 2018 – 6 January 2019*

The Parish Office will be closed 21 December 2018 – 8 January 2019

ST STEPHEN 10.30am St Stephen's Day Holy Communion with Carols (St Stephen's)
(Boxing Day/Wednesday)

ST JOHN 10.30am Holy Communion of St John the Evangelist
(Thursday)

HOLY INNOCENTS
(Friday) **10.30am Holy Communion of the Holy Innocents**
7.30pm Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY 12.30pm Wedding: Louise Haynes and Paul Dyde

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: All Churches celebrating the birth of Jesus.

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

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, "Beanny" Mei Chun Foenander, Margaret Meyer.

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (23-29 Dec):

Barbara Hall (23.12.17), Eileen Bull (25.12.16).

TODAY

FESTIVAL OF 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS: TONIGHT, 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.

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

THIS 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, which you have opened, with you for the Vicar to use to tell the Christmas Story.

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

NEXT WEEK

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE 10K RUN – MASJ are organising their Annual 10k Run and 4k Walk on Monday 31 December. Taking part in this event is a good way to rid yourselves of the excess pounds you have gained over the Christmas period. To enter please arrive at St John's after 10.30 for registration. Entrance fees for the Run are £10 and for the Walk £5. The walkers set off at 11.30am and the runners at 12.00noon. We look forward to seeing you again this year.

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Congratulations to all who worked so hard and to all who supported this year's festival. Together we raised **£3,300** – well done!!!

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. Everyone has enjoyed coming into our church and and being made very welcome.

OFFICE HOUR: The next Office Hour to discuss Baptisms and Marriage will be on 8 January 2019, 6.30-7.30pm. Should you need to speak with a priest before then please contact the Vicar (243258)_

TINY TOTS NEW YEAR PARTY – Tuesday 8 January from 11.30am – 1.00pm 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, 15 January, from 9.30 in the hall – new members always welcome!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & THANK YOU FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM: We are most touched by your kindness and affection via the gifts and cards we have received. Thank you very much. We do hope you all have a Happy and Holy Christmas and wish you every Blessing for 2019.