

## NEXT SUNDAY: 13 JANUARY

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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

*(No Service at St Stephen's)*

*(No Service at St Francis')*



**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](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

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**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](mailto: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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER 2018

### Services at St John's

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

*Hymns from Boxmoor Carol Booklet: 9, 34, 20, 41, 12, 42*

*(No Services at St Stephen's or St Francis')*

## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 31 December 2018 – 5 January 2019

*Morning and Evening Prayer will not be said publicly in church  
until 7 January 2019*

*The Parish Office will re-open 8 January 2019*

**New Year's Eve** 11.30am    MASJ 5km walk  
   12 noon        MASJ 10km Fun-Run  
**New Year's Day**                *No Office hour*  
**WEDNESDAY** 10.30am    Holy Communion followed by coffee  
**THURSDAY** 9.30am        Holy Communion (St Stephen's)  
**FRIDAY** 7.00pm            Choir Practice  
**SATURDAY** 8.00am        Pray Hemel at New Church, Hemel Hempstead  
   10.00am        Coffee Morning  
   10.30am        Junior Church meeting (Children's Room)  
   7.30pm        MASJ New Year Concert

## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY 6 JANUARY 2019

### Services at St John's

8.00am    Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30am    All Age Eucharist with presentation of gifts  
   *Incense will be burned at this service*  
11.30am    Holy Baptism  
6.30pm    BCP Holy Communion

### 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: 7-12 January

<i>Daily:</i>	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Mountbatten Lodge</b> 7.45pm Together on Monday Club (Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Tiny Tots New Year party (Hall) 6.30pm Office hour (Baptism and Wedding enquiries)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> followed by coffee 5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis') 8.00pm Baptism Preparation
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (St Stephen's) 12 noon Funeral – Sheila Brown 3.30pm Friendship Tea (Hall)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Hall 1)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	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:** for God's blessing on the world as we prepare for a New Year, for our combined witness to the town in the coming year.

**those being Baptised on 6 January:** Darcy Evie McIlroy

**those who are ill:** John Hutton, Samuel and James Lockyer, Pauline Webb, Beryl King, Janet Hislop, Lynsey Abbott, Marie-Ann Holmes-Walker;

**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:**

Margaret Meyer (Cotesmore Road) f: 9 January, 12noon, West Herts Crem

Sheila Brown (Cowper Road) f: 10 January, 12noon, St John's

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

**Years mind (30 Dec -12 Jan):**

Vera Parkin (30.12.15), Zoe Young (31.12.16), Peter Morris (1.1.15), Stan Campbell (4.1.17), Phyllis Lewis (4.1.14), Eileen Austin (5.1.15), Randall Hyde (5.1.16), Lilian Howard (6.1.17), Emily Beebe (8.1.16), Herbert Norris (10.1.18), John Marshall (11.1.17)

### TODAY

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

## THIS WEEK

*The Ministry Team wish you a healthy and blessed New Year.*

**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.

**MASJ NEW YEAR'S CONCERT:** Saturday 5 January, 7.30pm at St Johns. All are welcome. Tickets available on the door.

## NEXT WEEK

**TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB:** Monday 7 January – National Trust Talk by Graham Gibbs. Meeting starts at 7.45pm, new members always welcome. Di Tovey 263669.

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

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS** are for everyone who would enjoy sharing care and friendship over afternoon tea, with scrumptious sandwiches, tasty scones and luscious cakes. Join us on January 10, from 3.30 to 5.00, in the hall. For transport help, ring ☎256216.

**JUNIOR CHOIR:** Calling all young singers (5yrs-11yrs) to join our Junior Choir. First rehearsal Tuesday 11 January, 5.30 – 6.30pm. For more info please speak to either the Vicar, Keith Beniston, or Katherine Cox née Boyce.

## PARISH NOTICES

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who made our celebrations of the birth of the Christ child so joyous and special this year. Particular thanks to Keith and our musicians for the fabulous Festival of Lessons and Carols which really set the tone. Likewise, we would have been sunk without the small band of sidespeople/helpers/cleaners who welcomed over 1500 people to St John's in 36hours! I am very grateful to everyone for the part they contributed.

**ADVENT CHALLENGE:** Thank you to everyone who contributed and donated gifts for DENS and Dacorum Safe Haven. 4 carloads were collected and distributed over Christmas. Great effort – Well Done.

**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.

**MESSY CHURCH: Sunday 20 January, 3.00pm – 5.00pm**

Fun for all the family (especially children) with games, craft, food, and worship; exploring the Epiphany theme and the Visit of the Magi.