

## NEXT SUNDAY: 20 JANUARY: THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	11.30am	Holy Baptism
	3.00pm	Messy Church
	6.30pm	Taizé Service
Services at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Morning Worship

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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 **March 2019** magazine, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 3 February**. 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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## THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

### Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist

*Hymns: 53, 27, 142, 119, 156*

*Anthem: A New Year Carol – Britten*

*Voluntary: The Holy Boy – John Ireland*

6.30pm	Choral Evensong
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### 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: 14-19 January

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

**MONDAY** 2.15pm Poetry Group (53 Beechfield Road)  
7.30pm Holy Communion

**TUESDAY** 9.30am Tiny Tots stay & play and service (Hall & Church)  
6.30pm Office Hour (Wedding & Baptism enquiries)

**WEDNESDAY** 10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee  
5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')  
8.00pm MASJ Board Meeting (Children's Room)

**THURSDAY** 9.30am Holy Communion (St Stephen's)

**FRIDAY** *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*  
There will be **no** Women's Fellowship this afternoon  
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:** Adeyfield Free Church (United Reformed Church)

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

**those with ongoing needs:** Richard Berry, Sheila Charge, Doreen Chilton, Angela Green, 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:**

Roland Walters (High View Lodge) f: 16 January, 2.00pm, West Herts Crem  
Mattie Crellin (Kilfillan Park) f: 21 January, 12.20pm, West Herts Crem  
Marie-Ann Holmes-Walker (Alston Rd) f: 24 January, 11.00am, St John's  
Beryl Meyer, Sheila Brown, Rachel Few.

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

### **Years mind (13-19 Jan):**

Beryl Zainudeen (13.1.2015), Renee Kelly (14.1.2017), James Glenister (15.1.2016).

## TODAY

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

**CHORAL EVENSONG:** Tonight, 6.30pm, at St John's. Music to include *A New Year Carol* by Britten, *Lo Star-Led Chiefs* by Crotch, *Responses* by Ayleward, and *Canticles* by Calkin. All are welcome.

## THIS WEEK

**TINY TOTS:** Our new term begins this week from 9.30am in the Hall, followed by a short service of action songs and prayers in church - new members (from birth upwards) always very welcome.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** There will be no Women's Fellowship on 18 January. Our next meeting will be on 15 February. Jean

## NEXT WEEK

### **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.

## PARISH NOTICES

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:** Thank you very much for your generosity over the Christmas period. As a result of Collections taken we have made the following donations:

Children's Society (Christingle):	£1413	
DENS:	£700	plus 2 car loads of goods
Crisis:	£700	
Church Funds:	£700	
Dacorum Safe Haven:		1 ½ car loads of goods

**JUNIOR CHOIR:** Calling all young singers at Primary School (4yrs-11yrs) to join our Junior Choir. The first session was held last Friday. Next rehearsal will be FRIDAY 25 JANUARY, 5.30 – 6.30pm. No fee or prior experience. First 30mins will be singing. Final 30mins for refreshments and musical games. For more info please speak to either the Vicar, Keith Beniston, or Katherine Cox née Boyce.

**SUNDAY LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S:** The lunch date for February has been changed to February 17. Please sign up at the back of church. If anyone can help with serving and clearing up, 12.30-2.00pm, please contact Marion Davies: 259447.

**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.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE ANNUAL RUN/WALK:** Very many thanks to all who participated or who helped in any way to make this year's event such a success. You will be pleased to know that we raised £1,060.00 for MASJ.

**MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB UPDATE:** Congratulations to our December Super Draw Winners; Carole Lewis 1<sup>st</sup> £60, Alan Munford 2<sup>nd</sup> £20, Gill Williams 3<sup>rd</sup> £10. 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.