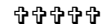


NEXT SUNDAY: 27 JANUARY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Services at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Evensong and Benediction
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Holy Communion



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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist

Hymns: 199, 249, 170, 256, 431

Anthem: I give you a new commandment - Aston

Voluntary: Prelude No 1 Op37 - Mendelssohn

3.00pm	Messy Church
6.30pm	Taizé Service

during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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: 21-26 January

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

The Parish Office is closed this week.

MONDAY	9.15pm	Worship Committee (Parish Office)
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club (Hall)
TUESDAY	9.30am	Tiny Tots stay & play and service (Hall & Church)
	6.30pm	Office Hour (Wedding & Baptism enquiries)
	8.00pm	Church meetings: Finance Committee (Hall 2) Communications Committee (Hall 1)
WEDNESDAY	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
	11.00am	Funeral: Marie-Anne Holmes-Walker
FRIDAY	Conversion of St Paul	
	5.30pm	Junior Choir (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: St Albans Church – Warners End (Anglican)

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, Margaret Delph, Angela Green, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Andrew Gunning, 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:

Mattie Crellin (Kilfillan Park) f: 21 January, 12.20pm, West Herts Crem
Marie-Anne Holmes-Walker (Alston Rd) f: 24 January, 11.00am, St John's
Rachel Few, Roland Walters.

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (20-26 Jan):

Pauline Andrews (20.1.2017), Clive Ireland (23.1.2018), Diana Carletti (24.1.2016),
Edie Picton (26.1.2014)

TODAY

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

MESSY CHURCH: THIS AFTERNOON, 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.

TAIZE SERVICE: TONIGHT, 6.30pm – Reflecting on the Unity of the Church

Be still in God's presence and bring before him your heart's desire. A simple service of chant, readings, silence, space, and light. All are welcome

THIS WEEK

TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB: 7.45pm on Monday. Noel James speaks on 'Houses we have lived in'

JUNIOR CHOIR: Calling all young singers at Primary School (4yrs-11yrs) to join our Junior Choir. 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.

FUNERAL: Thursday 24 January, 11.00am, St John's, for the late Marie-Anne Holmes-Walker. We are saddened by the death of Marie-Anne, a faithful member of our congregation - with her husband Anthony - for many years. Our love, prayers, and condolences to her family in their loss.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH MAGAZINE DELIVERIES: As usual at this time of year I need to review the delivery pattern for the magazines due to changes in numbers and also retirement of people who currently deliver them. I need a couple of people to deliver in the village area, starting from the February 2019 issue next week. Please can you help, contact me asap. Many thanks Alan Munford (01442) 242543 or alan.munford@btinternet.com

QUIZ NIGHT The next St John's Quiz Night is on Saturday 16 February at 7.30pm in the Church hall. Tickets now on sale from Alan Munford 01442 242543 or email alan.munford@btinternet.com. See poster at back of St John's for more details. Tables of 8. Tickets £10 each to include supper.

BOXMOOR GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME: Many of us have been part of Neighbourhood Watch for years. This scheme is more than that. It not only asks us to look out for each other's property but also for each other by helping our vulnerable neighbours get to appointments, visiting and befriending folk or helping with shopping. A pilot scheme is to be run in Boxmoor. Is this something with which you might like to be involved? Speak to the Vicar if so.

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.

BOXMOOR TRUST CONSULTATION: You may have seen in the local Press that Boxmoor Trust are canvassing opinion concerning certain parts of their estate. In order to fully resource their work for the future they are exploring deregistering and exchanging small parcels of land. If you wish to register your opinion see the back of St John's for the relevant paperwork.