

NEXT SUNDAY: 10 FEBRUARY

FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Services at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung Mass
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 **TODAY, 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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PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE - CANDLEMAS

Services at St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am All-Age Eucharist

Hymns: 325, 148,

Yellow Book: 31, 4, 42

Anthem: Wood – Nunc Dimittis

Voluntary: Ireland – Alla Marcia

6.30pm BCP Holy Communion with hymns

Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden **Service at St Francis, Hammerfield**

11.15am Morning Worship

10.00am Sung Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 4 - 9 February

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

MONDAY	11.30am	Holy Communion at Mountbatten Lodge
	2.00pm	Knitting Circle (Marion Roff's home, River Park)
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club (Hall)
TUESDAY	9.30am	Tiny Tots: stay & play and service (Hall & Church)
	11.45am	Coffee, Craft & Fellowship (Quiet Room)
	6.30pm	Office Hour (Wedding & Baptism enquiries)
	8.00pm	Church meetings: Fundraising Committee (Hall 1) Social Committee (Hall 2)
WEDNESDAY	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
FRIDAY	5.30pm	Junior Choir (Hall 1)
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Hall 1)
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	10.00am	Baptism Preparation

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Belmont Road Baptist 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, Margaret Delph, Angela Green, Andrew Gunning, 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:

Pam Quinlan f: 15 February, 1100 at St John's

Iris Grover f: 19 February, 1100 at St John's

Nora Field SoT: 15 February, 1500 at St Francis', Hammerfield

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (4-10 February):

Mary Willis (4.2.2018), Martin Hammond (7.2.2018), Heather Jones (7.2.2015), Peter Clarke (8.2.2018), Anthony Foster (10.2.2017), Bernard Morris (10.2.2015), Jackie Wiltshire (10.2.2015).

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

KNITTING CIRCLE: The next gathering will be this Monday, 2pm, at Marion Roff's home (River Park). New people are always welcome.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Speaker is David Marten "There is no such thing as a standard week". 7.45pm this Monday. Di Tovey - 263669.

COFFEE, CRAFT, AND FELLOWSHIP this Tuesday 11.45-1.30 pm in the Quiet room, St John's Church. The theme will be 'hearts' - all materials are supplied free plus light refreshments. If you're not into craft come and share the fellowship - you can always make the refreshments. Enquiries ring Sue Horsnell (01442 264755 or Dee Fisher on 01442 266311). Weather permitting.

JUNIOR CHOIR: Calling all young singers at Primary School (4yrs-11yrs) to join our Junior Choir. Next rehearsal will be this FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY, 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.

NEXT WEEK

FRIENDSHIP TEAS: Our next Friendship Teas will be held on Thursday 14 February, 3.30pm. More to follow next week.

PARISH NOTICES

NORA FIELD RIP: Our prayers and condolences to Nora's family as they mourn her passing. Nora died suddenly, but peacefully, at home last Sunday morning. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be on Friday 15 February, 3.00pm, at St Francis' Church.

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.

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.

THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION on the application to build 1,100 houses at West Hemel (LA3) is open but only till 15 February. The development will affect current residents in many ways. West Hemel Action Group is holding a public meeting on Sunday 10 February at 6.30 pm at Warners End Community Centre to brief residents.

A NEW Electoral Roll is to be created during the run up to the 2019 APCM. For the first time in six years, this will be a full replacement of the existing roll so if you wish to be able to vote at the APCM, you will need to complete a new application form. These are available by the main doors of all our three churches. More details are on page 8 of the February Parish Magazine. Ian Packe, email: electoralroll@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk.

VALERIE DARVILL WRITES: Thank you all for your best wishes, cards and flowers. I am progressing well and look forward to returning to Church shortly. Love Val D.