

## NEXT SUNDAY: 17 FEBRUARY

### THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	11.30am	Holy Baptism
	12.30pm	Sunday Lunch at St John's
	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 **April 2019** magazine, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 3 March**. 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 BEFORE LENT

#### Services at St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Parish Eucharist

*Hymns: 96, 149, 115,*

*Yellow Book: 20, 24.*

*Anthem: Beniston – Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Voluntary: Elridge – Marcia Maestoso*

6.30pm Choral Evensong

#### 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: 11-16 February

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

<b>MONDAY</b>	2.15pm	Poetry Group (12 Nettlecroft)
	2.30pm	Lockers Park School Visit (St Francis')
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	8.15pm	Marriage Preparation Evening
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am	Tiny Tots: stay & play and service (Hall & Church)
	8.00pm	Standing Committee (H2)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion followed by coffee</b>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (St Stephen's)
	3.30pm	Friendship Tea – all welcome (Hall)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	2.30pm	No Women's Fellowship – see Parish Notices p3.
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Hall 1)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	7.30pm	Quiz night (Hall)

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

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** St Mary's, Apsley

**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, 11.00am at St John's

Iris Grover f: 19 February, 11.00am at St John's

Nora Field SoT: 15 February, 3.00pm at St Francis', Hammerfield

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

**Years mind (10-16 February):**

Anthony Foster (10.2.2017), Bernard Morris (10.2.2015), Jackie Wiltshire (10.2.2015), Derek Rogers (13.2.2017).

## 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 Mendelssohn's *I waited for the Lord*, *Brewer's Evening Service in D*, and *Boyce's I was glad*. The perfect way to close out the day. All welcome.

## THIS WEEK

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS:** Join us on Valentine's Day (Thursday, 14) to spread a little love, over a festive afternoon tea, with hearty sandwiches and lovely cakes, from 3.30pm in the hall.

Why not wear something red (the colour of Love), as we share friendship together.

Please check, if weather is bad, or to arrange a lift, on 01442 256216.

## NEXT WEEK

**ST JOHN'S LUNCH CLUB:** Our next Lunch will be held Sunday 17 February in St John's Hall. Please sign-up at the back of church if you would like to come. Delicious food, lively company – what's not to enjoy?!

## 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.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHANGE OF DATE:** The February meeting will now be on Friday, 22 February in the hall at 2.30pm. My apologies for the change of date. We shall have a talk on "When the railway came through the town centre". New members welcome. Jean Garner.

**LENT COURSE: The Gifts of the Spirit....** Our Lent Course this year will take place over 5 weeks starting in the week beginning **11 March**. There will be a choice of sessions on **Monday evenings:** 7.30pm Eucharist, 8pm course session at St John's or **Thursday mornings:** 9.30am Eucharist, 10am course session at St Stephens. Each session will last about an hour. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to assist our planning.

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