

NEXT SUNDAY: 24 NOVEMBER

CHRIST THE KING

Services at St John's:	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Service at St Stephen's	11.15am	Holy Communion
Service at St Francis':	10.00am	Sung Mass



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: 13-16 December. In case this is not in your diary now is the time to log it. Look forward to seeing you at the Festival where we journey through *The Music of Christmas* with over 40 decorated Trees in church.

DENS CHRISTMAS NEEDS LIST: The new list is at the back of church.

OFFICE HOUR: During the winter months Office Hour on Tuesday evenings will be held 6.45pm – 7.30pm. A member of the Ministry Team is available to organise Holy Baptism and Weddings and also to meet to discuss things – personal, spiritual, or administrative relating to our common life.

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 **December 2019** magazine is **Sunday 3 November**, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs. 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.

HELP NEEDED: Could you take on the task of organising the advertising in our **Parish Magazine**? Trevor Boyce has done this for many years and wishes to take a well-earned rest. Contact Sally-Anne Bates, magazine editor: magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk

*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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SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	Hymns: Red Book: 336, 161, 261, 239 Yellow Book: 50
	Anthem: Stainer – How beautiful upon the mountains
	Voluntary: JS Bach – Fugue in Eb
6.30pm	Taizé Service
Service at St Francis':	10.00am Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am Morning Worship

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 18-23 November

Daily:	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
MONDAY	7.45pm	Together on Monday (Hall) 'My visit to Australia' - Pat Moran
TUESDAY	9.30am	Tiny Tots Stay, Play and Service (Hall and Church)
	6.45pm	Office Hour
WEDNESDAY	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
	12noon	Funeral – Norry Deaney
FRIDAY	<i>The Parish Office will be closed today</i>	
	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: South Hill Church;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Catherine, Val Darvill, Michele Finch, Margaret Gunning, Jean Hammond, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Baby Chloë Lear, Samuel and James Lockyer, Paul McCormick, Ian Packe, Lewis Proehl, Godfrey Rock, Tom, Pauline Webb;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, Sheila Charge, Margaret Delph, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Andrew Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Catherine Keppel, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Ruth Merry, Steve Randall, Marion Roff, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Daniel Williams, 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:

Norry Deaney funeral: 21 November, 12 noon, at St John's

Robert Anderson funeral: 4 December, 12 noon, at St John's

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (17-23 November):

Agnes Smith (17.11.17); Clair Gibbins (19.11.15); Ted West (19.11.14); Gwen Foskett (22.11.14).

TODAY

READINGS: Copies of readings (including large print) are available from the sidespeople.

TAIZÉ SERVICE: 6.30pm this evening - an informal, contemplative, and reflective Service of silence and chant to enter into God's presence. All are very welcome.

THIS WEEK

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Our speaker this week is Pat Moran, telling us about her trips to Australia. All are welcome. Di Tovey 263669

EVENSONG IN PORTSEA: On Sunday 24 November at 6.00pm we will be joining the congregation of St Saviour's Church, Portsea (one of Fr Ben's Churches) to celebrate their feast of title: Christ the King. There will be no Evensong and Benediction in this parish as a result. Our Vicar will be preaching. If you would like to attend, please use the sign-up sheet at the back to indicate whether you need transport or can offer to car share. Names need to be included by Wednesday for transport to be available.

NEXT WEEK

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will be closed 22-29 November.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: During the Eucharist on Monday evening, 25 November, prayers will be offered for those who request healing in body, mind, or spirit. Please add the

names of people you would like prayed for in the red folder at the back of St John's. Why not come along and be prayed for in person? All are welcome.

PARISH NOTICES

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Thank you to everyone for the fantastic effort put in to make our Fayre yesterday the joy and success it was. So many people to thank for going above and beyond the call of duty. We await the final total raised. Lovely to see so many people come through the doors and congratulations to those who won the Grand Draw.

SUNDAY LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER: This will take place next Sunday, 24 November, 12.30 for 1p.m. Anyone wishing to attend must sign up TODAY as the order for the meat must be put in by tomorrow.

KNITTERS: Last year, with your help, over 400 knitted squares were produced to decorate the wooden tree at the Christmas Tree Festival. Afterwards, these were made into blankets for the needy. I would be grateful for any help this year. If you are interested, please contact Sue Horsnell @ 264755. Thank you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY: Please sign up in the folder at the back of St John's church to deliver our Christmas Cards to every house in the parish. There are 6800 cards over 79 walks to do so if everybody, who is able to do so, signed up for a couple they would all soon be taken. The cards will be this week. Many thanks, Alan Munford.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB – OCTOBER 2019: Congratulations to the winners of the October Music Percentage Club draw: Zoe Harbour 1st £15, Lorraine Ioannou 2nd £8, Sheila James 3rd £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.

ADVENT SUNDAY: Advent Carol Service, 1 December 6.30pm, St John's.

A service of music and readings, taking us from darkness to light, as we recall how the coming light of Christ dispels the darkness through his birth in Bethlehem. All welcome. A great way to start our preparations for Christmas.

ADVENT CHALLENGE: We all like to receive a gift at Christmas but sadly not everyone will, or if they do exchange gifts other things will go by the by. Can you help? Like last year, instead of taking something out of your Advent Calendar everyday can you put something into an Advent box that can be of help and use to a family with nothing like toys, clothes, nappies, or someone in need of food and hygiene products? All gifts will then be sorted and given to DENS and Dacorum Safe Haven (women's and children's refuge).

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: We need fit and strong people to set up trees on Mon 9 Dec from 8am and take them down on Tues 17 from 9am.

We need people to decorate the trees and people to put up posters and deliver leaflets about the Festival during December.

Please contact Di (263669) or Lorraine (213648)