

## NEXT SUNDAY: 1 DECEMBER

### ADVENT SUNDAY

Services at St John's:	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	All-Age Eucharist
	11.30am	Holy Baptism
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service
Service at St Stephen's	11.15am	Morning Worship
Service at St Francis':	10.00am	Sung Mass



*The flowers at the altar today are given In loving memory of a past member of the church, Joy Jones. This is her tenth anniversary. From her sister Mary and all the family.*

**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).

**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Thank you again to everyone who made the Fayre the success it was. Just shy of £3000 was raised – a great effort. It was lovely that the top 2 prizes in the Grand Draw went to members of our congregation – congratulations to them.

**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.

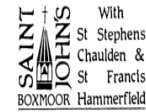
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**HELP NEEDED:** Could you take on the task of organising the advertising in our **Parish Magazine?** Trevor Boyce has done this for many years and wishes to take a well-earned rest. Contact Sally-Anne Bates, magazine editor: [magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

*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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# NEWSLETTER

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## CHRIST THE KING

### Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	Hymns: Red Book: 147, 345, 262, Yellow Book: 49,11.
	Anthem: Shaw – King of glory, King of peace
	Voluntary: WS Lloyd-Webber – Choral Song
6.30pm	No Service in the Parish this evening.
Service at St Francis':	10.00am Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am Holy Communion

## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 25-30 November

*The Parish Office will be closed this week*

Daily:	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
MONDAY	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing
	8.00pm	Parish Meetings: Communications Committee (Hall 2) Finance Committee (Parish Office)
TUESDAY	9.30am	Tiny Tots Stay, Play and Service (Hall and Church)
	6.45pm	Office Hour
	7.30pm	Age UK Dacorum Concert
WEDNESDAY	St Andrew	Apostle, Patron of Scotland
	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
FRIDAY	2.00pm	Funeral – Glennis Jones
	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:** Street Pastors – A Christian presence late at night on the streets, offering reassurance and help.

**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, Margaret, Ian Packe, Lewis Proehl, Godfrey Rock, Teena, 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 recently:**

Eileen Jeffries, Alan Stone, Norry Deaney,

Glennis Jones funeral: 29 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 (24-30 November):**

Bill Mitchell (24.11.14), Fred Redman (26.11.16), Vera Killick (26.11.15), Vera Ewer (27.11.18), Ronald Clarke (27.11.14), Olive Langford (29.11.14), John Nisbet (30.11.16).

## TODAY

**EVENSONG IN PORTSEA:** This evening 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!

## THIS 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.

## NEXT WEEK

**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.

## PARISH NOTICES

**MAGAZINE:** The December & January issue is available for collection and distribution from the back of church. Thank you sharing in this important task of communication.

### **SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER: Matins, Messy Church, Confirmation Service**

10 members of our congregation are to be Confirmed on 8 December, 6.30pm, at St John's with a further 2 people being received into the Church of England. To show our support to them our services at St John's that day will be:

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Sung Matins – *No Junior Church*
- 3.00pm Messy Church for Advent – *fun, craft, and worship for all the family*
- 6.30pm Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism, Confirmation and Reception

Please make attending the 6.30pm Parish Eucharist your priority that Sunday.

**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.

- We need fit and strong people to set up trees on Monday 9 December from 7.30am and take them down on Tuesday 17 December from 8.30am.
- 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)
- We are still looking for people to decorate 2 trees which have been sponsored. Please ring Jean if you can help (257023)
- **ROTA:** There is a rota at the back of church for Stewards at the Christmas Tree Festival. Please help this event and our visitors by being a friendly face to welcome them.

**KNITTED CRIB FIGURES:** we have 2 sets of figures for sale - £40. Contact Jean (257023)

**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 available this week. Many thanks, Alan Munford.

**DENS CHRISTMAS NEEDS LIST:** The new list is at the back of church - ideal for the Advent Challenge.

**BOHO BOXMOOR CHRISTMAS TREE - BOXMOOR VILLAGE:** The lighting ceremony is on Saturday 30 November 4 - 5.15pm. A volunteer from the parish is needed to hand out A6 flyers for our Christmas Tree Festival. If you are willing, please let Anne Lyne or the Vicar know ([annelyne13@hotmail.com](mailto:annelyne13@hotmail.com) or 07482 266398.)

**GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS:** Monday 9 December, 7.30pm, Church of the Resurrection, Grove Hill. Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead have organised a chance to hear from and quiz the candidates for the forthcoming Election.