

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 DECEMBER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at St John's:	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Matins
	3.00pm	Messy Church
	6.30pm	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception into the Church of England
Service at St Stephen's	11.15am	Matins
Service at St Francis':	10.00am	Sung Mass

Hymn: People look East

People look East to see at last
hopes fulfilled from ages past:
now in the promise of the morning,
see, a brighter day is dawning,
rich with the visions long foretold,
prophets' dreams from days of old.

God reaffirms the gracious call:
words of welcome meant to all;
comfort enough for all our sorrows;
justice shaping new tomorrows.
Mercy bears fruit in lives restored,
freed to praise and serve the Lord

Now, with the coming of the light,
darkest fears are put to flight;
see how the clouds of gloom are clearing,
blown aside by hope's appearing.
Jesus, the Light of all our days,
comes and sets our hearts ablaze.

Born of our race, a child so small –
hail the promised Lord of all!
Nailed to a cross for our salvation,
he shall rule God's new creation.
Lift up your eyes, and look again:
see, he comes in power to reign.

Besañçon Carol 47 AM



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.

*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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	All Age Parish Eucharist
	Hymns: Red Book: 28, 31, 250 Yellow Book: 31 Newsletter: People look East
	Anthem: How – Advent Message Voluntary: Blake – Walking in the air
6.30pm	Advent Carol Service
Service at St Francis':	10.00am Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am Morning Worship

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 2–7 December

Daily:	<i>8.45am Morning Prayer 5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)</i>
MONDAY	11.30am Mountbatten Lodge Communion Service <i>6.00pm Concert: Hope for Children</i> <i>7.45pm Together on Monday: Christmas Dinner</i>
TUESDAY	<i>9.30am Tiny Tots Stay, Play and Service (Hall and Church)</i> <i>6.45pm Office Hour</i> <i>8.00pm PCC Standing Committee (Hall 2)</i>
WEDNESDAY	10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee <i>12.00noon Funeral: Robert Anderson</i> <i>5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')</i> <i>6.00pm Carol Service: Boxmoor Primary School</i>
THURSDAY	9.30am Holy Communion (St Stephen's) <i>6.00pm Christmas Production: South Hill Primary School</i>
FRIDAY	<i>7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)</i>
SATURDAY	<i>8.30am Pray Hemel @ St Mark's Church, JFK School</i> <i>10.00am Coffee Morning</i> <i>10.00am Baptism Preparation Session</i>

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: The Salvation Army – Town Centre

those to be Baptised*, Confirmed, and Received into The Church of England†:

Celia, Charlene, Gwyneth, Harvey, Hayden, John†, Kayden, Nigel*, Philippa, Sandra, Tony†, Tyler*

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

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, Sheila Charge, Val Darvill, 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, Ken Warby, 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,

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 (1-7 December):

Beeny Foenander (6.12.18), Karen Cole (1.12.16), Stanley Jeffery (6.12.16),

TODAY

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: Tonight at 6.30pm at 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.

THIS WEEK

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Christmas Dinner This Monday, 7.45pm, in the Hall.

NEXT WEEK

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 next Sunday.

Services will be held at St Francis' and St Stephen's as usual - see Calendar for details.

PARISH NOTICES

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
- 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.

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.

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).

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 this week. Many thanks, Alan Munford.

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

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.

THANK YOU... to all my friends for their prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls following my recent surgery. I'm getting stronger by the week and hope to see you all again very soon. Valerie Darvill.