

NEXT SUNDAY: 15 DECEMBER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at St John's:
8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.30am-5pm CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
6.30pm Said Evening Prayer

Service at St Stephen's **11.15am** Morning Worship
Service at St Francis': **10.00am** Sung Mass

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Psalm 11

In the Lord put ' I my ' trust :

how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a ' bird ' unto the ' hill?

For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows with' in the ' quiver :

that they may privily shoot at them ' which are ' true of ' heart.

For the foundations will be ' cast ' down :

and ' what hath the ' righteous ' done?

The Lord is in his ' holy ' temple : the Lord's ' seat ' is in ' heaven.

His eyes con'sider the ' poor : and his eye-lids ' try the ' children of ' men.

The Lord al'loweth the ' righteous :

but the ungodly and him that delighteth in wickedness ' doth his ' soul ab'hor.

Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone ' storm and ' tempest :

this shall ' be their ' portion to ' drink.

For the righteous Lord ' loveth ' righteousness :

his countenance will be'hold the ' thing that is ' just.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS for **next Sunday's newsletter** (in writing) **by Tuesday please**. If separate flyers are to be produced, please let the Office know. **Please email to:** newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk

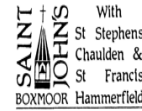
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PARISH MAGAZINE: Please note that the deadline for articles for the **February 2020** magazine is **Sunday 5 January**, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs. You can email direct to magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk (A5 format please), or leave in pigeonhole in church or deliver direct to 27 Beechfield Road. Sally-Anne Bates, Editor. Tel: 266912.

*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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8 December 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Matins
3.00pm Messy Church
6.30pm Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism, Confirmation,
and Reception into the Church of England

Hymns: Red Book: 27, 24, 470, 391 Yellow Book: 39

Anthem: Handel – O thou that tellest good tidings

Voluntary: Lloyd Webber – Dedication March

Service at St Francis': 10.00am Sung Mass

Service at St Stephen's: 11.15am Matins

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 9–14 December

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

MONDAY 7.00am Christmas Tree Festival Preparations begin (No Morning Prayer)
2.15pm Poetry Group (53 Beechfield Road)
5.30-8.30pm Dressing of Trees for Christmas Tree Festival
7.30pm **Holy Communion (St Francis')**
7.30pm *General Election Hustings,
Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill*

TUESDAY 9.30am Tiny Tots Stay, Play and Service (Hall and Church)
6.45pm Office Hour
7.00pm Carol Service: Lockers Park School

WEDNESDAY 9am-5pm Dressing of Trees for Christmas Tree Festival
10.30am **Holy Communion (St Francis')** followed by coffee
5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')
7.00pm Carol Service: Hemel Hempstead School

THURSDAY **9.30am** **Holy Communion** (St Stephen's)
3.30–5pm Friendship Tea - All welcome (Hall)
7.00pm Carol Service: Westbrook Hay School

FRIDAY 10am-6pm CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
5.30pm Junior Choir (Hall 1)
7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)

SATURDAY 10am-6pm CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
2.00pm **COMMUNITY CAROLS AROUND THE TREES**

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Seventh Day Adventist Church

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, Vicky, 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, Robert Anderson

Jean Foy funeral: 20 December, 3.00pm, at West Herts Crematorium

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (8-14 December): June Steel (9.12.17), Harry Downer (9.12.2014), Patricia Gamble (12.12.2016), Deirdre Watson (13.12.2014), Jana Pick (14.12.17),

TODAY

MATINS, MESSY CHURCH, CONFIRMATION SERVICE: 10 members of our congregation are to be Confirmed this evening, 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 today 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 today.

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

THIS WEEK

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.

COMFORT AND JOY: This is the FRIENDSHIP TEA theme for our entry in the Christmas Tree Festival starting on Friday. Before that, on Thursday 12, 3.30pm to 5.00pm, we invite you to the hall, where we offer the COMFORT of a delicious Christmas tea and the JOY of fun and friendship. For help with transport, ring 📞 256216.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: 13-16 December. Looking 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.

ROTAS:

- 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.
- There is also a sign up sheet for help with refreshments at the back of church.

NEXT WEEK

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Tuesday 17 December, 6.00pm, at St Francis. Donations in aid of The Hospice of St Francis. A Service of Readings and Carols for Christmas – by candlelight as we build the Crib. Music from the Vicar and the Lea Rig Band Ensemble. Mince pies and Mulled wine to follow.

PARISH NOTICES

URGENT: 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. Many thanks, Alan Munford.

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)

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

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.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the November Music Percentage Club draw: Sheila James 1st £15, Jennie Whitefield 2nd £8, Job Rombout 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.