

**NEXT SUNDAY: 22 DECEMBER**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Services at St John's:** 8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Parish Eucharist  
*with Junior Church presentation of The Nativity*  
6.30pm Traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols  
*with the St John's Ensemble*  
*followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

**Service at St Francis': 10.00am Sung Mass**

**Service at St Stephen's 11.15am Holy Communion**

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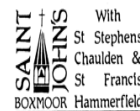
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**PARISH MAGAZINE:** Please note that the deadline for articles for the **February 2020** magazine is **Sunday 5 January**, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs. You can email direct to [magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk) (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

15 December 2019

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **Services at St John's**

**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**9.30am Parish Eucharist**

*Hymns: Red Book: 470, 29, 384, 28.*

*Anthem: Beniston – Light an Advent Candle*

*Voluntary: Pachelbel – Vom Himmel Hoch*

**11.30am-5pm CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

**6.30pm Said Evening Prayer**

**Service at St Francis': 10.00am Sung Mass**

**Service at St Stephen's: 11.15am Morning Worship**

## **THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 16-21 December**

<b>Daily:</b>	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
<b>MONDAY</b>	10am-6pm	CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30am	Tiny Tots Stay, Play and Service (Hall and Church)
	2.15pm	Carol Service: South Hill Primary School – KS2
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight in aid of The Hospice of St Francis (St Francis')</b>
	6.30pm	Christmas Concert: Gade Valley School
	6.45pm	No Office Hour
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00am	Prayers for Healing
	<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 (St Stephen's)</b>
	9.30am	Carol Service: Pixies Hill Primary School
	8.15pm	Wedding Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship Christmas Party (Hall 1)
	5.30pm	Junior Choir (Hall 1)
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Hall 1)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	2.00pm	Wedding: Adam Evans and Faye Morby

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

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** Society of Friends (Quakers) – Old Town area

**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 (15-21 December):** Barbara Smith (15.12.16), Margaret Meyer (16.12.18), Ivy Johnson Reg Bouttell (17.12.15), (19.12.17), Joan Lovegrove (20.12.17), Brenda Banks (20.12.15), Hayley Makepeace (21.12.15).

## **THIS WEEK**

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:** Tuesday 17 December, 6.00pm, at St Francis. Donations in aid of The Hospice of St Franc. 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.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY:** in the hall at 2.30pm on Friday 20 December.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**FESTIVAL OF 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS:** Sunday 22 December, 6.30pm.

Traditional Carol Service of Readings and Music enhanced again by The St John's Ensemble. A great service to invite/bring someone to. Everyone welcome. Followed by Mince Pies and Mulled wine.

## **NEXT WEEK**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** 2.30pm Christingle Service – *doors open at 2.00pm*  
4.30pm Christingle Service – *doors open at 4.00pm*  
6.30pm Crib Service – *doors open at 6.00pm*  
**11.30pm** **Midnight Mass** – *Carols from 11.10pm*

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** **9.30am** **Parish Christmas Eucharist**  
**10.00am** **Sung Mass of Christmas** (St Francis')

**26 ST STEPHEN:**

**10.30am Holy Communion with Carols** (St Stephen's)

**27 ST JOHN:**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**MINCE PIES, MINCE PIES, MINCE PIES!** Help needed please to provide mince pies for after the nine lessons and carols next Sunday, 22 December. Bring them along next Sunday and leave them in the kitchen or give them to Lorraine or Di. Thanking you in advance.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** many thanks to the eleven intrepid men and five ladies who turned out at 7.30am on Monday morning to bring in the Christmas trees, fit them into the stands and put them up and put the lights on. So many hands certainly made light work. Thank you all very much indeed.

**FINANCES:** Our Treasurer Chris Angell is looking to "close the books" on 2019 and would appreciate it if any outstanding invoices or expense claims for payment can be passed to him as soon as possible and no later than Sunday 5th January 2020 please. Our financial position remains precarious and going forward no expenditure commitments should be made without Chris's prior agreement please.

**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 & Dacorum Safe Haven (women's and children's refuge).

**MESSAGE FROM DENS:** The Sleepout took place on 15 November in the grounds of Hemel School and has so far has raised an incredible £35,000 and rising! Thank you so much for your support in helping us to advertise the event by displaying a banner which certainly helped to boost our participant numbers. A record number of 200 sleepers came together to share the experience of rough sleeping. Every penny raised from our Sleepout will support people in Dacorum who are facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion and help rebuild their lives.

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

**DENS CHRISTMAS NEEDS LIST:** The Christmas needs list is at the back of church.

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICES:** Don't forget to pick up your Christingle tubes to help raise funds for the Children's Society.

**CHRISTMAS COMMUNION:** If you are going away this Christmas I strongly encourage you to find a nearby Church in which to make your Christmas Communion. You might find this site helpful: [www.achurchnearyou.co.uk](http://www.achurchnearyou.co.uk)

**OFFICE HOUR:** The next Office Hour to discuss Baptisms and Marriage will be on 7 January 2020, 6.30-7.30pm. Should you need to speak with a priest before then please contact the Vicar.