

## NEXT SUNDAY: 12 JANUARY

### THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Services at St John's:	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Sung Evensong
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Holy Communion
Service at St Francis':	10.00am	Sung Mass

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**NEW RURAL DEAN OF HEMEL HEMPSTEAD:** Our Vicar was informed this week that, with immediate effect, he has been appointed our new Rural Dean. Our thanks to The Reverend Lizzie Hood who has been a fantastic Rural Dean for the past 5 years.

#### **THANK YOU TO:**

Our Musicians: for the fabulous music we have enjoyed during Worship over Christmas, particularly the tremendous Festival of Lessons and Carols.

**Our Flower arrangers and Holy Dusters:** for the way our churches have looked so radiant and kept in such good order despite the huge attendances.

**Our Guides:** for making over 400 Christingles and helping to distribute them.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Sunday 19 January, 3.00pm – 5.00pm Fun for all the family (especially children) with games, craft, food, and worship; exploring the Epiphany theme and the Visit of the Magi.

**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](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

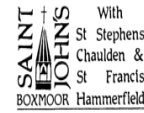
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**PARISH MAGAZINE:** Please note that the deadline for articles for the **February 2020** magazine is **Sunday 5 January**, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs. You can email direct to [magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)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

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29 December 2020

### THE HOLY INNOCENT SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2019

#### Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Combined Parish Eucharist

Hymns: Carol Book: 9, 34, 43, 41, 12, 42

Voluntary: W Lloyd-Webber - God Rest Ye Merry

No Services at St Francis' or St Stephen's today.

No Evening Service today

### THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 30 December 2019 – 4 January 2020

Morning and Evening Prayer will not be said publicly in church until 6 January

The Parish Office will be closed until 7 January

<b>MONDAY</b>	No Services
<b>TUESDAY</b>	New Year's Eve 11.30am MASJ 5km Walk 12.00pm MASJ 10km Fun-Run
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	New Year's Day 10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
<b>THURSDAY</b>	No Holy Communion today at St Stephen's
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am Coffee Morning 7.30pm MASJ New Year Concert: "Good Cheer for New Year"

### THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

#### SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2020

#### Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
9.30am	All-Age Eucharist with presentation of gifts	

Hymns: Carol Book: 44, 39, 26

Sheet: Bethlehem of noblest cities;  
O Worship the Lord

Anthem:

Voluntary:

10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
11.30am	Holy Baptism	St John's
6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion with Hymns	St John's

## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 6-11 January 2020

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

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Mountbatten Lodge</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11.30am	Tiny Tots Christmas Party (Hall)
	6.45pm	Office Hour
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<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>
	3.30pm	Friendship Tea – all welcome (Hall)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	5.30pm	Junior Choir (Hall 1)
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Hall 1)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	4.00pm	<i>Farewell Evensong to Archdeacon Jonathan (St Albans Abbey)</i>

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

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** For God's blessing on his world as we prepare for a New Year, for our combined witness to the town for the New Year.

**those who are ill:** Adam, Lynsey Abbott, Catherine, Michele Finch, Margaret Gunning, Jean Hammond, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, 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:**

Margaret Fricker funeral: 7 January, 2.00pm, at St John's

**and we pray for their families and friends.**

**Years mind 29 December – 11 January):** Vera Parkin (30.12.15), Zoe Young (31.12.18), Marie-Anne Holmes-Walker (1.1.19), Peter Morris (1.1.15), Mattie Crellin (4.1.19), Stanley Campbell (4.1.17), Michael Armstrong (5.1.19), Randall Hyde (5.1.16), Eileen Austen (5.1.15), Roland Walters (6.1.19), Lilian Howard (6.1.17), Rasha Crombie (8.1.18), Emily Beebe 8.1.16), Herbert Norris (10.1.18), John Marshall (11.1.17),

## 29 December 2019 - 11 January 2020

**ANNUAL 'NEW YEAR'S EVE' 10K RUN & 4K WALK:** Please join us again on 31 December for our Annual Run/Walk, it's a good way to rid yourself of the surplus weight you may have attracted over the Christmas period. The Walkers leave St John's at **11.30** and the

Runners at **12 noon**. Entrance fees, payable on the day are, **£10** for runners and **£5** for walkers. All money raised goes towards the work of our charity **Music at St John's**.

**THE NEW YEAR CONCERT:** "NEW YEAR – GOOD CHEER" will be held on Saturday 4 January 2020 at St John's Church, starting at 7:30pm. The annual **Music at St John's** New Year orchestral concert will be given by the St John's Ensemble, directed by St John's own Director of Music: Keith Beniston. It will feature some popular light music, including works by Johann Strauss and Eric Coates. It will also include performances by the 'cellist: Zoë Martlew. Zoë will play the Bach Cello Suite in G and the Fauré Élégie. Admission is £12. Tickets and further information available from Paul Davies on: 07802 442908.

**TINY TOTS PARTY:** **Tuesday 7 January, 11.30am - 1pm** in the hall - tickets are £3.50 available from Annie Mitchell - please get your tickets **now** so we know how many children will be coming and there is enough to go round! Tiny Tots term starts again at our regular time of 9.30 in the hall from Tuesday 14 January - new members always very welcome.

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS:** Do you know someone who might be feeling lonely after all the Christmas festivities? Invite them along on January 9, 3.30pm to 5.00pm, in the hall, where we offer warm friendship, along with scrumptious sandwiches and delicious cakes. For help with transport, ring ☎256216.

### **PARISH NOTICES**

**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.

**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.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Our next Quiz Night is on **Saturday 25 January**. Tickets go on sale from 1 January - £10 per person, tables of 8. See posters in church for details or contact Alan Munford (01442 242543).

**THANK YOU:** The Vicar, Ruth, Carole, and Sheena would like to thank those who have given cards and gifts this Christmas. Very generous and loving. Thank you.

**CAROL SERVICES:** Thank you to all who helped Steward and welcome Schools/ parents/ groups for their Carol Services this year. In total we welcomed 9 schools and hosted 6 concerts as well as our usual services and the Tree Festival. Thank you.

**FAREWELL TO ARCHDEACON JONATHAN:** Saturday 11 January, 4pm, during Choral Evensong Archdeacon Jonathan will retire. You are most welcome to attend his leaving service. I has been announced that The Reverend Jane Mainwaring will be his successor, to be licensed in March. Please pray for Jonathan and Jane during this time of transition.

**SHEENA IS MOVING:** It was announced last week that Sheena Wilson, one of our Lay Readers, and her husband Tony will be moving to the Wirral in January. A date for her leaving Service is to be arranged. We wish them both well in this new chapter of their lives