

NEXT SUNDAY: 19 JANUARY

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Services at St John's:	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist <i>and Farewell to Sheena Wilson</i>
	3.00pm	Messy Church
	6.30pm	Taizé Service
Service at St Stephen's:	<i>No Service this week – Combined at St John's</i>	
Service at St Francis':	10.00am	Sung Mass

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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

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.

PARISH MAGAZINE: Please note that the deadline for articles for the **March 2020** magazine is **Sunday 2 February**, 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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THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST: FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2020

Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist <i>Hymns: Red Book: 53, 27, 142, 119, 156.</i> <i>Anthem: Chilcott – Be thou my vision</i> <i>Voluntary: Thiman – Finale in D Minor</i>
6.30pm	Sung Evensong <i>Introit: Britten – A New Year Carol</i> <i>Anthem: Crotch – Lo Star-led Chiefs</i> <i>Voluntary: JS Bach – Prelude in D (Bwv532)</i>

Service at St Francis': 10.00am Sung Mass

Service at St Stephen's: 11.15am Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 13-18 January

Daily:	8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
MONDAY	2.15pm	Poetry Group (53 Beechfield Road)
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
TUESDAY	9.30am	Tiny Tots – Stay, Play and Service (Hall & Church)
	6.45pm	Office Hour – Baptism & Wedding enquiries
WEDNESDAY	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
	8.00pm	Baptism Preparation
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
	12noon	Church Meeting: Hall Committee (Hall)
FRIDAY	2.30pm	Women's Fellowship – Planning 2020 (Hall 1)
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (Hall 1)
SATURDAY	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>	
	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: Adeyfield Free Church (United Reformed Church)

those who are ill: Adam, Lynsey Abbott, Trevor Boyce, Catherine, Michele Finch, Margaret Gunning, Jean Hammond, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, 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, Samuel and James Lockyer, 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:

Gladys Pearson funeral: 20 January, 12noon, West Herts Crematorium
Sr Judith SSC; Margaret Fricker

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 12-18 January: Beryl Zainudeen (13.1.15), Pamela Quinlan (14.1.19), Renee Kelly (14.1.17), James Glenister (15.1.16),

TODAY

EVENSONG: All are welcome to Evensong this evening. A serene way to end the day. I know how much you enjoy singing Evensong so come along and sing the responses, canticles, psalms and hymns. The choir will offer an introit and anthem.

THIS WEEK

TINY TOTS: term starts again at our regular time of 9.30am in the hall this Tuesday - new members always very welcome.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Women's Fellowship meet in the hall on Friday at 2.30pm to plan the programme for this year and to enjoy fellowship.

NEXT WEEK

FAREWELL TO SHEENA: To enable both the St John's and St Stephen's congregations to say farewell to Sheena we will come together for the Parish Eucharist. There will be no service at St Stephen's next week.

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.

TAIZÉ SERVICE: Come and rest in God's presence through simple chant, scripture, prayer, and candles. A short service of reflection based on the style of worship offered by the Taizé Community in France.

PARISH NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS:

- to Josie Gower who celebrated her 90th birthday on Thursday 9 January.
- to Trevor Standen who celebrates his 70th birthday today, Sunday 12 January.
- to Aimee Hart and Gary Restal on the safe arrival of baby Ellie Nicole Restal who was born on 30 December. Aimee and Gary are to Wed at St John's later this year.

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.

QUIZ NIGHT: Our next Quiz Night is on **Saturday 25 January**. Just one and a half tables left - £10 per person, tables of 8. See posters in church for details or contact Alan Munford (01442 242543).

FAREWELL TO SHEENA WILSON: Sheena Wilson, one of our Lay Readers, and her husband Tony have moved to the Wirral. Sheena will be back however, to preach one last time among us next Sunday, 19 January at the Parish Eucharist, 9.30am. I hope you will be able to join us to send Sheena out to her new home and ministry with our blessing and thanks. A card is available at the back of St John's to add you well-wishes. A drinks reception will be held after the Eucharist next week.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS: You may be interested to know that over Christmas we raised:

- £1557.85 for the Children's Society at our Christingle Services
- £655.66 each for DENS, Crisis, and Parish Funds.
- 3 Car-loads of produce/clothing/toiletries for DENS and our local Womens' Refuge Centre.

It is fabulous that over £2500 has been raised for charities over Christmas, not to mention all the gifts in kind. Thank you very much.

A BIG THANK YOU: to all those who knitted squares for the tree at the Christmas Tree Festival. They are now being made into blankets and twiddle muffs. Sue Horsnell.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the December Music Percentage Club Super draw: Robert Ross 1st £50; Peter Garner 2nd £20; Lorraine Ioannou 3rd £10. 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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE RUN/WALK: many thanks to all those who participated in or helped to organise the New Year's Eve Run/Walk. Over 120 runners and walkers took part this time. You will be pleased to know that we raised **£1,000** for our charity *Music at St John's* – thank you.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP: If you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion, there is a book at the back of Church where you can write your name and request. Otherwise contact Sue Brown or Jean Frith.