

NEXT SUNDAY: 26 JANUARY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Services at St John's: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist

Service at St Stephen's: 11.15am Holy Communion

Services at St Francis': 10.00am Sung Mass
6.30pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction of St Paul

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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Sunday during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2020

Services at St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Eucharist and farewell to Sheena Wilson

Hymns: Red Book: 199, 249, 170, 256, 431

Anthem: Bruckner – *Locus Iste*

Voluntary: JS Bach – *In Dir ist Freude*

3.00pm Messy Church
6.30pm Taizé Service

Service at St Francis': 10.00am Sung Mass

Service at St Stephen's: No Service this week – Combined at St John's

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 20-25 January

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

MONDAY 7.45pm Together on Monday Club (Hall)
'The Development of an Essex Girl' – Marian Davies

TUESDAY 9.30am Tiny Tots – Stay, Play and Service (Hall & Church)

6.45pm Office Hour – Baptism & Wedding enquiries

8.00pm PCC Meeting (Hall 1)

WEDNESDAY 10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee

11.30am Church Meeting: Worship Committee (Office)

5.00pm Evening Prayer (St Francis')

8.00pm MASJ Board Meeting (Office)

THURSDAY 9.30am Holy Communion (St Stephen's)

FRIDAY 5.30pm Junior Choir (Hall 1)

7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)

SATURDAY Conversion of St Paul - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

10.00am Coffee Morning

7.30pm Quiz Night (Hall)

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

The Unity of God's Church throughout the World during this Week of Prayer.

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, Nicholas King, Vera Knight, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Lewis Proehl, Godfrey Rock, 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
Tom

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 19-25 January: Pauline Andrews (20.1.17), Iris Grover (21.1.19), Robert Critchley (22.1.16), Clive Ireland (23.1.18), Diana Carletti (24.1.16),

TODAY

FAREWELL TO SHEENA: To enable both the St John's and St Stephen's congregations to say farewell to Sheena we will come together today for the Parish Eucharist at 9.30am. There will be no service at St Stephen's this week.

MESSY CHURCH: 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.

THIS WEEK

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: Together on Monday will be meeting for the first time in the New Year to hear Marian Davies talking about her "Life as an Essex girl". Come and join our friendly group and hear some interesting talks throughout the year. Di Tovey 223669.

QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday at 7.30pm. Only one or two spaces left if you would like to join a team.

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY – GADE VALLEY HARRIERS MARATHON TRAINING RUN: Parking next week might be an issue due to the planned training run. If you are finding it difficult, the car park in Park Road is the nearest and cheapest pay & display to St John's. Sorry for any inconvenience.

EVENSONG & BENEDICTION: Next Sunday at 6.30pm at St Francis. A chance to meditate in the Lord's presence within the traditional and much loved service of Evensong. All welcome.

PARISH NOTICES

LICENSING AND COMMISSIONING OF NEW RURAL DEAN: Our Vicar will be Licensed as Rural Dean of Hemel Hempstead during Choral Evensong on **Sunday 9 February**, 6.30pm by the Archdeacon of Hertford. Your support would be most appreciated.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS: The PCC have been in consultation with the YMCA and other local partners about starting a Youth Club. Conversations are progressing well. Your prayers are asked for the Lord's blessing on this project which is hoped will start later this year.

HEMEL HOSPITAL ACTION GROUP: You may have seen on Facebook that a new(ish) action group has been formed to campaign for a new, centrally located Hospital for West Herts. A Campaign March is proposed for **Saturday 16 May**. You might like to consider joining this walk.

OFFICE HOUR: Did you know that you can come and book a time to speak with a member of Clergy every week during our Office Hour? If you would like to discuss anything, then why not give it a try.

PRAY HEMEL: St John's Church will be hosting the next Pray Hemel on **Saturday 1 February**. Breakfast from 8.00am, Service at 8.30am. Please come and welcome Christians from all over Hemel as we join together to pray for the life of our town, nation, and world.

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.

SAFEGUARDING: With safeguarding in the public eye again this week, I'd like to take a moment to remind you how seriously we take safeguarding in the parish. We follow all the requirements of the House of Bishops' policy and the church legislative requirements. We practice safe recruiting and we have a parish safeguarding officer. We have participated in the diocese's safeguarding training and follow the requirement for this to be refreshed every three years. There is signposting on the parish website and noticeboards about who to contact in case there are any issues anyone wishes to raise. The diocese's and our approach to handling any situation that does arise is best described as 'survivor led.'