

NEXT SUNDAY: 9 FEBRUARY

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Services at St John's: 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Choral Evensong with the Licensing and
Commissioning of the Rural Dean and
Assistant Rural Dean of Hemel Hempstead

Service at St Francis': 10.00am Sung Mass
Service at St Stephen's: 11.15am Holy Communion

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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

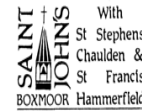
NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: You can receive a copy of this Newsletter every week by email. Send your email address to stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk and you will be added to the distribution list.

PARISH MAGAZINE: Please note that the deadline for articles for the **March 2020** magazine is **TODAY, 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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NEWSLETTER

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CANDLEMAS – THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020

Services at St John's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am All-Age Eucharist sung by the Junior Choir
Hymns: All in Order of Service
Anthem: This little Light of mine
Voluntary: CS Lang – Tuba Tune
6.30pm BCP Holy Communion with Hymns

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

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 3-8 February

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

MONDAY

11.30am Holy Communion at Mountbatten Lodge
2.00pm Knitting Circle (25 River Park)
7.45pm Together on Monday Club – The History of Kodak.
Speaker: Ernest Jaconelli (Hall)

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')

THURSDAY

9.30am Holy Communion (St Stephen's)

FRIDAY

7.00pm Choir Practice (Hall 1)

SATURDAY

10.00am Baptism Preparation
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: Christians from many churches, meeting together on the first Saturday of each month, to worship and pray for many aspects of life in our town.

those who are ill: Adam, Lynsey Abbott, Trevor Boyce, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Michele Finch, Margaret Gunning, Jean Hammond, Janet Hislop, John Hutton, Beryl King, Nicholas King, Vera Knight, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Rev'd Rex Merry, 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:

Alice Jones funeral: 11 February, 2.20pm, West Herts Crematorium
Norah Norris,

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind 2-8 February: Rahsa Crombie (2.2.18), Irene Dupen (3.2.17), Keith Tankard (3.2.16), Martin Hammond (7.2.18), Heather Jones (7.2.15), Peter Clarke (8.2.18).

TODAY

ALL AGE EUCHARIST: Our service this morning will be led by the Junior Choir. Everyone will be given a candle to light and present as part of the service. Please be aware of those around you. Buckets of water have been strategically placed should they be needed.

INSTALLATION OF THE VENERABLE JEANETTE GOSNEY: Jeanette will be installed as Archdeacon of St Edmundsbury, this afternoon, in the Cathedral Church. Please pray for her, and those whom she serves, as she takes on this new ministry within the life of the Church.

THIS WEEK

THE KNITTING CIRCLE: will meet at 25 River Park at 2.00pm next Monday, 3 February.

TOGETHER ON MONDAYS: 7.45pm in the Hall. The talk will be about the history of Kodak. New members always welcome. Di: 263669.

NEXT WEEK

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.

PARISH NOTICES

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: meet in the hall at 2.30pm on Friday, 21 February when we shall be pleased to welcome Denise Chennell as our speaker.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead invite everyone to this global, ecumenical service on **Friday 6 March**, 11.00am, St Benedict's Church, Peascroft Rd.

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.

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.'

NEXT QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 14 March, 7.30pm. This quiz will see the return of the internal question master. Tickets now on sale from Alan Munford.

TEXT GIVING: Not everyone carries cash around with them. Not everyone is able to give regularly to the Church or via Direct Debit. But would giving via Text Message help? Please see details in the Pews or Text **PLATE 5** to give £5, or **PLATE 10** to give £10, to **70085**.

SHROVE TUESDAY ANTICS: 24 February

- **CHILDREN'S PANCAKE PARTY:** 4.00-5.30pm for under 12s. Games, pancakes races, quizzes, and of course pancakes to eat. £1 per child.
- **ADULT PANCAKE & COCKTAILS PARTY:** Prepare for Lent by letting your hair down with Pancakes, cocktails, fun with friends, and entertainment. £8 each.

Please sign-up at the back of church to give an indication of numbers for catering purposes.

PALM CROSSES: To prepare the ash for Ash Wednesday please would you return your Palm Cross from last year to St John's to be burned after the All Age Eucharist next Sunday. Thank you.

LENT COURSE: PRAYER The Lent Course will once again take place over 5 weeks starting in the week beginning **11 March**. There will be a choice of sessions on **Monday evenings:** 7.30pm Eucharist, 8pm course session at St John's or **Thursday mornings:** 9.30am Eucharist, 10am course session at St Stephens. Each session will last about an hour. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to assist our planning.