

NEWSLETTER

ALL PUBLIC ACTS OF WORSHIP SUSPENDED

ST JOHN'S CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY.

<u>SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER:</u>		<u>CHRIST THE KING</u>		
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist		<i>St John's</i>
		<i>Streamed on our website</i>		
<i>Daily</i>	<i>9.30-5.00</i>	<i>Church open for Private Prayer</i>		
Monday	8.00pm	Communications Committee		<i>Zoom</i>
Tuesday	8.00pm	Fundraising Committee		<i>Zoom</i>
Wednesday	11.00am	Zoom Coffee Morning – <i>request link from Vicar</i>		<i>Zoom</i>
	8.00pm	Finance Committee		<i>Zoom</i>
<u>SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER:</u>		<u>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u>		
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist		<i>St John's</i>
		<i>Streamed on our website</i>		
	6.30pm	An Advent Reflection – <i>Music and Readings for Advent</i>		<i>St John's</i>
		<i>Streamed on our website</i>		

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:

our hospitals and all health professionals

for all who are infected and their families

our schools, shops, and other services

for all who are anxious or struggling financially

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Sheila Charge, Derek Cordery, Jean, Beryl King, Baby Chloë Lear, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pat Moran, Marion Roff, Yvonne Ward, Pauline Webb;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Bery, Trevor Boyce, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Rev'd Ivor Dowse, Michele Finch, Derek Frost, Gerda, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, John & Debby, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Ian, Catherine Keppel, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Samuel & James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Ken Warby, Christine Wilson, Rory Wilson, Mike Winch;

If you wish to be remembered at Morning and Evening Prayer only, please contact the Vicar.

those who have died recently and we pray for their families and friends.

Allen French

Years mind 22-28 November: Ihsaan 'Sonny' Khan (23.11.19), Fred Redman (26.11.16), Vera Killick (26.11.15), Vera Ewer (27.11.18), Jean Foy (28.11.19).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Street Pastors – A Christian presence late night on the streets, offering reassurance and help.

PARISH NOTICES

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

- St John's REMAINS OPEN for **PRIVATE PRAYER** as follows:
 - St John's is open for Private Prayer 9.30am-5.00pm every day (Saturdays 10.30am-5.00pm). Please follow the guidance in church regarding distancing. Prayer resources will be available.
- Funerals can also be conducted in church.
- The Eucharist will be celebrated and broadcast from St John's each Sunday. Worship resources remain available on our Website www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources
- Please keep praying for our Key Workers, each other, and all those infected and affected by this horrible virus.
- Please keep phoning/writing to each other and helping where there is need.

WORSHIPPING WITHOUT THE INTERNET: There are some members of the congregation who struggle with the internet or don't have a computer. Hopefully you have been receiving the Order of Service for the Parish Eucharist from your buddies or another source. If you would like to join a service via the Phone, the Church of England has launched DAILY HOPE – a 24 hour free-phone line with a service, music, prayers etc. Call 0800 804 8044.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED: to support the Community Transport service. The role would suit someone who enjoys driving and meeting people and has a few hours spare to volunteer. Community Action Dacorum require friendly individuals to support them during Covid-19 by either carrying out essential transport to hospital or GP appointments and/or doing shopping for vulnerable residents. No extra insurance needed and you would receive an allowance for every mile travelled. If you can help please call Deborah Fogden on 01442 212888 or email deborah@communityactiondacorum.org.uk.

PLANNING FOR POST-LOCKDOWN 2.0: Planning is well underway for how we as a Church community observe Advent and celebrate Christmas. The following might help you in your planning too:

- **Advent Sunday:** A pre-recorded special Advent Service will be available for all to join via our website. We are hoping to make it available on CD/DVDs for those unable to access via a computer. The service is sung by our choir and speaks of the coming Light of Christ dispelling the darkness.
- **Advent:** A chance to prepare again for the coming of Christ – can we say *come to my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee* when we celebrate his birth at Christmas?
- **Christmas Tree Festival:** 22 trees will make-up our festival this year – half inside church, half outside. The aim is to bring light, hope, and festive cheer to our community. No entry charge this year as we'll need to be socially distanced, but we hope folk will be able to make a donation either online or via our contactless card reader soon to be installed in church. Trees will be delivered on 14 December – all help installing them will be greatly received but only if you are not deemed 'vulnerable'. We will be observing social distancing. Festival runs 17-22 December with trees remaining lit until 5 January.
- **Community Carols round the Trees:** Saturday 19 December, 2.00pm in the churchyard. Regulations permitting we'll be selling Glühwein and Hot Dogs, Jams and Cakes.
- **Christmas Services:** We hope that Public Worship will be permitted once more. To safely accommodate everyone with social distancing we are ticketing our services. These are free and will be available via our website or a special email address – more details to follow. Tickets can also be booked via the Parish Office.

○ 20 December	Parish Carol Service	4.30pm and 6.30pm	St John's
○ 22 December	Candlelit Carols at St Francis	6.00pm	St Francis'
○ 23 December	Christingle Services 1&2, Crib Service	2.30pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm	St John's
○ 24 December	Christingle Services 3&4, Crib Service	2.30pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm	St John's
	Midnight Mass	11.30pm	St John's
○ 25 December	Parish Christmas Eucharist	10.00am	St John's & St Francis
- **Parish Christmas Card:** Our publicity is nearly ready for publication. We are still intending to distribute cards to every home in the parish but due to Covid we are hiring help to share our message of love, light, life, and hope this Christmas. Our cover illustration has been designed by a member of the congregation, Lizzie Martell – special thanks to her.