

# NEWSLETTER

## CHURCHES RESUME PUBLIC WORSHIP

### ST JOHN'S & ST FRANCIS' RESUME SERVICES FROM WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER

#### SERVICES AT ST STEPHEN'S REMAIN SUSPENDED

<u>SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER:</u>	<u>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u>		
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist <i>Streamed on our website</i>	St John's
	6.30pm	An Advent Reflection – Music and Readings for Advent <i>Streamed on our website</i>	St John's
Monday-Friday	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (Wednesday at St Francis')	
Daily	9.30-5.30	Church open for Private Prayer	St John's
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion	St John's
	11.00am	Zoom Coffee Morning – request link from Vicar	Zoom
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	5.30pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St John's
	8.00pm	Happy Hour Drinks Social – request link from Vicar	Zoom
Saturday	2.00pm	Wedding – Thomas Davis & Laura-Anne Connor	St John's
<u>SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER:</u>	<u>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist <i>precautions in place and streamed from 12noon, Monday, on our website for those unable to join physically</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion	St John's

### OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

#### **all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:**

our hospitals and all health professionals  
our schools, shops, and other services

for all who are infected and their families  
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.**

Alan French

**Years mind 29 November – 5 December:** John Nisbet (30.11.16), Karen Cole (1.12.16).

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** The Salvation Army

## PARISH NOTICES

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:**

- Tier 2 Restrictions mean:
  - Public Worship can resume provided the following are observed:
    - No mingling/socialising in church with those outside your household/bubble
    - Face covers to be worn throughout services
    - Social distancing to be observed and regular hand sanitising
    - Track & Trace details will be sought on arrival
    - Ventilation is considered (St John's and St Francis' have high ceilings so doors and windows can now be closed)
    - Maximum attendance for non-ticketed services will remain at 65 people.
    - Indoor congregational singing remains prohibited
- St Stephen's will remain closed until we drop to Tier 1 or below. It is harder to maintain social distancing and no socialising in that context.
- St John's is open for Private Prayer 9.30am-5.30pm 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](http://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.

**ADVENT SERVICE:** Tonight at 6.30pm, a special service of Advent music and readings encouraging us to reflect on Christ's coming as the Light of the world. Sung by our choir and pre-recorded at the start of lockdown 2.0. Follow the link above to join this service.

**ADVENT CALENDARS:** Over the past week over 90 Advent Calendars have been given to children who regularly join us for worship either at Tiny Tots, Messy Church, Junior Choir, or the Parish Eucharist. It's fabulous to have so many children connected with us (and there are more on a less frequent basis). These donated calendars are a way of being in touch with our young people whilst their usual activities are suspended.

**CHRISTMAS TICKETS & PUBLICITY:** Free Tickets for our Christmas Services are available from 1 December via our website. If you are not online please contact the Office or the Vicar to arrange tickets. Services requiring tickets are clearly labelled in our Christmas Card which should be with you by now/this week.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** 17-22 December. Our plans for the Christmas Tree Festival have taken into consideration Tier 2 restrictions and we are busy gearing-up for it. If anyone is able to help set-up the trees on Monday 14 December, 8.30am, at St John's your help would be appreciated. Please let the Vicar know. Only help if you are not shielding/vulnerable.

- **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.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Many have asked in recent days if it is possible to make financial offerings online. This is now possible via our website [www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/donate](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/donate) We are also in the process of installing a card reader for contact card donations since cash/plate giving is trickier at the moment. Thank you for your generosity in funding the Mission of the Church.

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| • 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 |