

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER: ADVENT SUNDAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
		<i>A pre-recorded Eucharist is available on our website for those unable to attend in person</i>	
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	3.00pm	Messy Church	St John's Hall
	6.30pm	Advent Reflection	Website
		<i>A pre-recorded service of Music & Readings for the start of Advent is available on our website</i>	
Daily	9.00-5.00	Church open for Private Prayer	
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's
Tuesday		St Andrew the Apostle	
	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play followed by Service	St John's Hall
	11.30am	Funeral – Agatha Gardener	St John's
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	12noon	Funeral – Duncan McEwan	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Saturday	11.30am	Burial of Ashes – Celia Brown	St John's
	12.30pm	Wedding – Nicole Daly and Robert Jefferson	St John's

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist with Junior Choir	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:

our hospitals and all health professionals	for our community as we "live with" Covid
our schools, shops, and other services	for all who are anxious or struggling financially
our vaccination centres and all who volunteer	for all who sick with Covid or mourn loved ones

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Becky, Catherine, Derek Cordery, Jean Dawkins, Beryl King, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Kelvin Porter, Stanley Rose;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Bery, Trevor Boyce, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Gill Dow, Michele Finch, Pam French, Derek Frost, Karen Gager, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Chloë Lear, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Samuel & James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, Marion Roff, Jean Stevens, Beryl Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Vera Trustram, Christine Wilson, John 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:

Hazel Fulks	
Agatha Gardiner	funeral: 30 November, 11.30am, St John's Church
Duncan MacEwan	funeral: 1 December, 12noon, St John's Church
Margaret Cooper	funeral: 9 December, 1.45pm, Chilterns Crematorium
Sylvia Macklin	funeral: 10 December, 2.20pm, West Herts Crematorium

those whose Years mind is this week: 28 November – 4 December:

Jean Foy (28.11.19), John Nisbet (30.11.16), Karen Cole (1.12.16),

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: The Salvation Army

PARISH NOTICES

COVID NOTICES: Current measures in this Parish

The following measures are in operation in order to help maintain confidence in coming to Church to worship:

- Within Church:
 - Social Distancing to be maintained – One pew (over 1 metre) to remain empty between different bubbles
 - Face Coverings are still encouraged particularly when walking around or in crowded areas.
 - Congregational Singing is once again permitted indoors.
 - Use of hand sanitiser stations is still encouraged.
 - Track & Trace to remain in place – we recommend signing-in rather than using the App.
 - Communion will continue to be given in one kind (Bread) – please be directed by the sidespeople. Your ministers will still wear a face covering when distributing Communion.

MESSY CHURCH: Sunday 28 November, 3.00-5.00pm, Advent Messy Church. Fun, games, craft, worship, and food to get kick off the season of Advent. Everyone is welcome – particularly appropriate for children.

AN ADVENT REFLECTION: This Advent, why not welcome in the new Church year and begin your preparations for Christmas by joining our virtual Advent Service via our website: <https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources>. Our magnificent choir will lead our worship along with poetry and scripture readings. Together may our prayer be *Come, Lord, and do not delay*.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS & REFLECTIONS: A small, daily devotional booklet has been produced for use during Advent to help us watch, wait, and prepare for the coming of Christ among us this Christmas. Please pick-up your copy from the back of our churches.

CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY: The Parish Christmas publicity has now been printed. We really need your help to deliver cards so that everyone in the Parish knows how they can celebrate Christmas with us. Please sign up and take the cards from the back of St John's church for roads you are willing to deliver to.

TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Covid hasn't gone away meaning we face another Christmas with restrictions. To maximise the numbers attending services in a safe way we are ticketing all our services over Christmas, and doubling the number of services offered. Tickets are released on 1 December. Please book your tickets via our website. If you need help, please contact the Office/Vicar.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO EACH OTHER: Once again you are invited to share Christmas greetings with each other via one large card at the back of St John's and to give the money you would have spent on postage/individual cards to our nominated charity *Bibles for Children*. The Card will be available from 5 December at the back of St John's.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: We need your help and support to run the festival. Here are some areas for you to consider.

1. There is a rota at the back of church for stewards. Please sign up if you possibly can.
2. There is also a rota for people to help with refreshments in church.
3. The trees will arrive at 8.00am on Monday 13 December. We URGENTLY need help to set these up in church.
4. Sponsors are still needed for outside trees. Any amount you can give will be welcome. Contact me or jean.garner2@ntlworld.com
5. If you have sponsored a tree inside church, these can be decorated after 11.00am on Wednesday 15 December, or in the morning on Thursday 16 December.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT-UP: BOHO BOXMOOR will again be holding a lighting-up ceremony for their tree in the centre of the village, opposite the convenience store, at the bottom of Anchor Lane, at 4.00pm on Saturday 4 December. This is usually a popular Boxmoor event, but had to be cancelled last year.

JUNIOR CHURCH: All children aged 3-11yrs are welcome to explore Jesus during this special time within the Parish Eucharist. **YOUR HELP NEEDED:** Each session needs an over 18 chaperone - all church members welcome and no prep required! Please sign up on the dates listed at the rear of church and/or chat with Rosie Shaw, Jo Fisher or Mary McCluskey.

PARISH MAGAZINE: The December/January edition of the Magazine is available at the back of church. Please take your copy and those needing delivery.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Fayre such a fun and successful day. Over £2850 was raised on the day. If you were unable to attend but want to make a contribution please see the Vicar.

ST JOHN'S WINDOW PAINTING: Tickets are selling fast for this fabulous painting of St John as seen in the Memorial to Canon Hamilton in the Lady Chapel. £10 a ticket. Over half the tickets have been sold already. Tickets available at the Parish Eucharist.

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The regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am-1.30pm.

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