

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist with Junior Choir <i>A pre-recorded Eucharist is available on our website for those unable to attend in person</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Holy Communion	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	12noon	St John's Lunch	<i>St John's</i>
<i>Daily</i>	9.00-5.00	Church open for Private Prayer	
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>St John's</i>
Monday	11.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
	7.00pm	Hemel Hempstead School Carol Service	<i>St John's</i>
	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club Christmas Social	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play followed by Service	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	8.00pm	PCC Standing Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	<i>St John's</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Thursday	10.00am	Pixies Hill School Carol Service	<i>St John's</i>
	7.00pm	Boxmoor School Carol Service	<i>St John's</i>
Friday	5.30pm	Junior Choir	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's</i>
Saturday	3.00pm	Aeolian Singers Concert with South Hill School Choir	<i>St Francis'</i>
	6.30pm	Dacorum Community Choir Concert	<i>St John's</i>

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER:

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
10.00am	Mass - guest president: Fr Ben Weitzmann	<i>St Francis'</i>
11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

all who are infected or affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:

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| 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:

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| Agatha Gardiner, Duncan MacEwan | |
| Margaret Cooper | funeral: 9 December, 1.45pm, Chilterns Crematorium |
| Sylvia Macklin | funeral: 10 December, 2.20pm, West Herts Crematorium |
| Ken Morgan | funeral: 13 December, 2.20pm, West Herts Crematorium |

those whose Years mind is this week: 5 - 11 December:

Mei Chun Foenander (6.12.18), Stanley Jefferey (6.12.16), Doreen Carter (7.12.20).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Seventh Day Adventist Church

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.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB: The dates for January as printed in the magazine are incorrect, we are meeting on 17 January only. On Monday 6 December we will have our Christmas meeting with drinks and nibbles. All welcome. Di Tovey 263669.

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 is currently being 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 at the back of St John's church and take the walk(s) 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. 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 FLOWERS: Over the Christmas period St John's will be decorated with as many poinsettias as possible. We have negotiated a huge discount with Sainsbury's Apsley, but would you be willing to help towards the cost? Please speak to Julie Boyce, Sue Brown, or Jean Frith if can help.

JUNIOR CHURCH: All children aged 3-11 yrs 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.

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.

AN ADVENT REFLECTION: A recording of our virtual Advent Service is still available on our website should you have missed it: <https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources>. Thank you to all who took part. May our prayer continue to be: *Come, Lord, and do not delay.*

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

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