

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
<i>St John's open for worship only</i>	10.00am	Parish Eucharist <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	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	4.30pm	Traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols <i>(ticketed)</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	6.30pm	Traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols <i>(ticketed)</i>	<i>St John's</i>
<i>Daily</i>	<i>9.00-5.00</i>	<i>Church open for Private Prayer</i>	
	9.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>St John's</i>
Monday	10am-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	<i>St John's</i>
Tuesday	10am-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival	<i>St John's</i>
	6.00pm	Candlelit Carols in aid of the Hospice of St Francis'	<i>St Francis'</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	11.30am	Christmas Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Thursday	2.30pm	Christingle Service 1 <i>(ticketed)</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	4.30pm	Christingle Service 2 <i>(ticketed)</i>	<i>St John's</i>
CHRISTMAS EVE	2.30pm	Christingle Service 3 <i>(ticketed)</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	4.30pm	Christingle Service 4 <i>(ticketed)</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	6.30pm	Carols at the Crib <i>(ticketed)</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass <i>(ticketed)</i>	<i>St John's</i>
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00am	Parish Christmas Eucharist <i>(ticketed)</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Mass of Christmas Day	<i>St Francis'</i>
SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER:	ST STEPHEN'S DAY – BOXING DAY		
	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.30am	Combined Parish St Stephen's Day Eucharist	<i>St Stephen's</i>

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, Marie Heathershawe, 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, Elizabeth Jones, 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:

John Jones, Ken Morgan

Ruby Branson funeral: 18 January 2022, 12noon, St John's Church

those whose Years mind is this week: 19 - 25 December:

Ivy Johnson (19.12.17), Joan Lovegrove (20.12.16), Barbara Hall (23.12.17), Sheila Brown (24.12.18), Eileen Bull (25.12.16).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: All Churches celebrating the birth of Jesus.

PARISH NOTICES

COVID NOTICES: Current measures in this Parish, in line with Government regulations:

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

- Within Church:
 - **Face Coverings are to be worn in all our buildings.** The exceptions are:
 - The choir – who will test before singing; those leading or reading at service
 - Children under 12, or people who are exempt
 - When refreshments are being taken.
 - Social Distancing to be maintained – One pew (over 1 metre) to remain empty between different bubbles
 - Congregational Singing is still permitted but whilst wearing a mask.
 - 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.

CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY: The Parish Christmas publicity is printed. We really need your help to deliver cards so that everyone in the Parish knows how they can celebrate Christmas with us. There are still more cards to be delivered!

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. If you haven't done so already DON'T FORGET TO 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 is available at the back of St John's.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Thank you to the small but dedicated group who installed and lit all the trees, and to all who have helped/are helping during the Festival. The trees look magnificent.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY: Please note that next Sunday, St Stephen's Day (aka Boxing Day) our services are:

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am **Patronal Eucharist with Carols at St Stephen's** - *our main service of the day.*

There will not be a service at St Francis that day.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE RUN/WALK: Please come and join us on 31 December and enjoy shedding some of the extra weight gained over the Christmas period. Registration is from 11.00. The walkers set-off from St John's at 11.30 and the runners at 12 noon. Entrance fees are £5 for walkers and £10 for runners, all money raised goes towards the charitable work of 'Music at St John's'. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

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.

The office will be closed from 22 December – 6 January.

Hilary wishes you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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