

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 9 JANUARY:

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist	St John's
		<i>NB: Incense will be used at this service</i>	
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
Monday	11.30am	Holy Communion	Mountbatten Lodge
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	5.30pm	Junior Choir	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 16 JANUARY:

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Combined Parish Eucharist	St John's
		<i>No Services at St Francis' or St Stephen's today</i>	
	11.30am	PCC Meeting	St John's Hall

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, Michele Finch, Marie Heathershawe, Beryl King, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Phil Peckham, Stanley Rose;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Bery, Trevor Boyce, Val Darvill, Margaret Delph, Gill Dow, 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, 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:

Kelvin Porter, John Jones, Roger Harvey	
Vera Trustram,	funeral: 12 January, 11.40am, West Herts Crem
Ruby Branson	funeral: 18 January, 12noon, St John's Church
Mary Jerram	funeral: 24 January, 11.30am, St John's Church

those whose Years mind is this week: 9-15 January:

Phyllis Simons (10.1.21), Herbert Norris (10.1.18), John Marshall (11.1.17), Pamela Quinlan (14.1.19), Renee Kelly (14.1.17), Alice Jones (15.1.20).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Hemel Vineyard Church.

Parish Office: 01442 260299 office@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk <https://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk>

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

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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.
 - Refreshments will no-longer be offered after the Parish Eucharist. They will continue at smaller services.

TINY TOTS: resumes at 9.30am on Tuesday this week after the Christmas break.

LIVE STREAMING: The technology is now up and running for us to live stream services on our website. We shall therefore live stream the Parish Eucharist every week – please go to our website to join: www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/live-streamed-services

FRIENDSHIP TEA: You are most welcome to join us for a vibrant afternoon of tea, fellowship & friendship in St John's Hall on Wednesday 19 January, 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Tea and light refreshments will be served. Hear a story – Tell a story – Bring a friend - Make a new friend. If anyone is able to help with setting up the hall your assistance would be most welcome from 2.00pm. Thank you.

QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 29 January 7.30pm Church Hall. Tickets £8 now available from Alan Munford. Numbers restricted to keep COVID safe, so order tickets now (alan.munford@btinternet.com). Bring your own drink and nibbles. Tables of 6 or 8 people maximum.

LOST PROPERTY: Marion Cowe has lost a silver cross and chain, possibly at St John's. Please contact Marion or the office if you find it.

POSTAGE STAMPS: used or unused, are a valuable source of income for many charities. Please support Herts Air Ambulance and place any stamps you have in the basket on top of the letter pigeon holes.

NEW YEAR'S EVE RUN/WALK: A very big 'Thank You' from Music at St John's to all who helped organise or who took part in our annual event on New Year's Eve. 81 Runners and 48 Walkers took part this time and over £1,100.00 was raised for our charity – Thank you all.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH - SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS: You are invited to take part in a nationwide consultation on the Church's teaching concerning sexuality and gender as the Church seeks to discern what the Spirit might be saying. This is a 5 week set of conversations, run by and for the Deanery, to be held at The Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill. It will begin with food (Fish n Chips) at 7.00pm with the conversations starting at 7.30pm. Sessions are planned for 24 and 31 January, 7, 21, 28 February. Please contact the Vicar if interested and to book food. This is a one off moment where we can shape the Church's future and teaching.

PIGEON HOLES: Please check the pigeon holes at the back of St John's to see if you have any outstanding mail.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: A big thank you to the army of people who removed the trees and cleaned St John's on Wednesday. Within 2 hours the church was back to 'normal'. Thank you to everyone who decorated the church over Christmas – it looked stunning.

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 at on Wednesday mornings.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the December draw: 1st Gill Williams, £15; 2nd Richard Lyne, £8; 3rd Sheila James, £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.