

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 16 JANUARY:

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST – FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

	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
Monday		Together on Monday Club New Year Lunch	Little Hay Golf Club
Tuesday		<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>	
	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	12noon	Funeral - Ruby Branson	St John's
	8.00pm	Communications Committee	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	3.30pm	Friendship Tea	St John's Hall
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 23 JANUARY:

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's
		<i>during Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</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, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Marie Heathershawe, Beryl King, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, 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, Phil Peckham, 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, Sita Pigot	
Ruby Branson	funeral: 18 January, 12noon, St John's Church
Mary Jerram	funeral: 24 January, 11.30am, St John's Church
Ann Lewis	funeral: 2 February, 12noon, St John's Church

those whose Years mind is this week: 16-22 January:

Norah Norris (16.1.20), Doreen Page (19.1.21), Peter Smith (19.1.20), Pauline Andrews (20.1.17);

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: St Albans Church (Warners End).

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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.

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 - we apologise in advance if our internet connection fails! (which is what we think happened last week.)

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar Flowers this week have been given by Marion Roff and all the family in Loving Memory of John.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB: Together on Monday are having their New Year Lunch on 17 January for all those who have signed up in advance. There will be no meeting in the hall that evening, our next meeting will be 7 February. Di Tovey 263669

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG: Sunday 23 January, 6.30pm: You are warmly invited to this service, along with other churches in the Deanery, as we pray for the unity of Christ's Church. Some excellent music will be sung and offered.

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.

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.

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.

FUNDRAISING FOR ST FRANCIS HOSPICE: Congratulations to the congregation of St Francis who, since 2018, have raised over £2,300 for the work of the Hospice. This has been achieved through fetes, special services, and weekly coffee money. Well done and keep drinking coffee!!!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS: Over Christmas our custom is to share our collections with a national and local charity, whilst also giving all monies from our Christingle services to The Children's Society. This year we supported St Mungo's and DENS who each receive £520. Our Christingle services raised £556.