

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY:

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Mass – President & Preacher: Bishop Norman	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
Monday	7.30pm	Living in Love & Faith Conversation	Grovehill
	8.00pm	Fundraising Committee	Zoom
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	11.30am	Bereavement Committee	
	8.00pm	Deanery Synod	St John's Hall
Wednesday		Presentation of Christ in the Temple	
	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	12noon	Funeral – Ann Lewis	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	5.30pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY:

CANDLEMAS SUNDAY & ACCESSION DAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist – sung by the 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, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Marie Heathershawe, Beryl King, Lizzie, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Jo Rhoden, Stanley Rose;

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

Sita Pigot, Ruby Branson, Mary Jerram	
Ann Lewis	funeral: 2 February, 12noon, St John's Church
Riccardo Criscenti	funeral: 7 February, 2.30pm, St John's Church

those whose Years mind is this week: 30 January – 5 February:

Doris Owen (2.2.21), Irene Dupen (3.2.17), Fiona Lear (4.2.21), Mary Willis (4.2.18).

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: Sunrise Church – Queens Square Adeyfield.

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PARISH NOTICES

COVID NOTICES – UPDATE –Sunday 30 January:

The Government has announced that face coverings and other precautions are not mandatory.

However, to care for one another we ask:

- **Face Coverings to be worn in crowded areas.** Please consider wearing one whilst moving around, especially when receiving Communion.
- Social Distancing to be maintained –One pew (over 1 metre) to remain empty between different bubbles
- Congregational Singing is back to normal – you might like to wear a mask but you don't have to.
- 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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Altar flowers this week have been sponsored and arranged by Jean Frith for 'Memories of Family Birthdays past and present'.

LIVE STREAMING - UPDATE: The technology is now up and running for us to live stream services on our website. All the equipment is working which means we should be able to live stream the Parish Eucharist every week. However, our internet connection is proving unreliable. Mobile usage in our area (especially at the Sports Centre) on a Sunday morning is higher than anticipated. We are trying various options to overcome this. We will continue to try to live stream with the back-up option of recording the stream direct (before it goes to YouTube) and then uploading this later in the day if the connection at church remains a problem. This is not ideal but, as I understand it, a fairly typical teething problem. Our services will be available at: www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/live-streamed-services - we apologise in advance if our internet connection fails! (It worked properly last week!)

LIVE STREAMING – VISIBILITY IN SERVICES: There are various issues concerning Safeguarding and GDPR which mean we need your permission for you to appear on screen – especially if you are a minor. A plan of where you can sit without being seen on camera is being drawn up; permission is being sought from families for children to be on camera; camera angles are being planned and programmed for various parts of the service to limit exposure. Thank you for your cooperation.

TREES FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE: The PCC has decided to plant two trees in the churchyard to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have chosen two smaller varieties as there are already several mature trees in the churchyard. We have chosen an acer bush for the changing colour throughout the year and a lilac tree for the blossom and the scent. The lilac blossom would be the colour shade of purple to match the Jubilee colour. If any member of the parish would like to contribute £1 towards the project for two trees and a commemorative plaque Marian Davis or Lorraine Ioannou would be pleased to receive your contribution.

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. The conversations start at 7.30pm. The first session (last week) was well attended. Remaining sessions are planned for 31 January, 7, 21, 28 February. Please contact the Vicar if interested. This is a one off moment where we can shape the Church's future and teaching.

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 faith in 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.