

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 2 JANUARY:

### THE NAMING OF JESUS

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
Wednesday 5	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	11.00am	Christmas Trees undressed and removed	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'

Thursday 6

### THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Friday 7	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's
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## SUNDAY 9 JANUARY:

### EPIPHANY SUNDAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist	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, Derek Cordery, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Marie Heathershaw, 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 2022, 11.40am, West Herts Crem
Ruby Branson	funeral: 18 January 2022, 12noon, St John's Church

### **those whose Years mind is this fortnight: 26 December – 8 January:**

Marie-Anne Holmes Walker (1.1.19), Peter Wing (2.1.21), Gladys Pearson (2.1.20), Sheila Charge (3.1.21), Mattie Crellin (4.1.19), Stan Campbell (4.1.17), Michael Armstrong (5.1.19), Roland Walters (6.1.19), Lilian Howard (6.1.17), Rasha Crombie (8.1.18);

**Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:** For God's blessing on His world in 2022.

## 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.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** Thank you to the small but dedicated band who made the Tree Festival the success it has been. From installing the trees to stewarding and providing refreshments it has been great to see so many people come through our doors. The trees look fabulous and your hard work has paid off. More volunteers are needed for next year if we are to hold one again!

**9 LESSONS & CAROLS:** Thank you to our Keith, our Director of Music, and all our musicians for a stunning double Festival of Carols. Combining with the St John's Ensemble and some excellent reading our Carol Services were simply marvellous. Recordings are available on our website for those who missed them.

**MASJ NEW YEAR CONCERT:** It is with a heavy heart that MASJ have postponed their New Year Concert until times when it is safe to hold it. In the meantime, thank you to those who expressed an interest in attending. Updates will be shared when available.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE VICAR & POST-CHRISTMAS BREAK:** I should like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. My family and I are very touched by all your cards and gifts and thank you for your warmth and generosity. I shall be taking some time off from 27 December to 4 January (excluding Sunday 2 January) in the hope of rest and recover. I hope you are also able to take some time to rest and relax this Christmas.

**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.

**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.

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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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