

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 15 JANUARY

## THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St John's
Monday	12.30pm	Together on Monday Club Lunch	Redbourn Golf Club
Tuesday	10am-12noon	Tiny Tot: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's Hall
	11.30-4.00pm	Warm-Space – Open and warm church	St John's
	8.00pm	PCC meeting	St John's Hall
Wednesday		<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>	
	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	3.00pm	Friendship Teas	St John's Hall
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	Marriage Preparation Evening	St John's
	8.00pm	MASJ Board Meeting	Parish Office
Friday	5.30pm	Junior Choir Practice	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Saturday	7.30pm	Hemel Symphony Orchestra Concert	St John's

## SUNDAY 22 JANUARY

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	3.00pm	Messy Church	St John's

### OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**the peoples of Ukraine** – those defending their land; those made refugees; those in positions of leadership

**those being baptised today:** Connor Eric Bird, Maximilian Jeffery James Bird, Samantha Harvey, Molly Ann Walton, Martina Walton.

**those who are ill:** Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Becky, Matt Blake, Brenda, Catherine, Peter Clayton, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Paul Kessell-Holland, Alan Kirtley, Lizzie, Anne Lyne, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Pamela, Jane Rombout, Stanley Rose;

**those with ongoing needs:** John Bery, Richard Berry, Val Darvill, Peter Davis, Gill Dow, Pam French, Derek Frost, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Steve Hanwell, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Sheila Lewis, Brian Laidlaw, Samuel & James Lockyer, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Gladys Mimer, Steve Randall, Godfrey Rock, Marion Roff, 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.*

### **Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead:**

Adeyfield Free Church (United Reformed Church) their leaders and congregation;

### **those who have died recently and we pray for their families and friends:**

Richard Moss	funeral: 23 January, 11.40am, West Herts Crem
Carol Johnston	funeral: 30 January, 11.20am, West Herts Crem
Peter Price	funeral: 9 February, 1.30pm, St John's Church
John Loria	funeral: 15 February, 3.00pm, West Herts Crem
Malcolm Knight;	

**those whose Years mind is this week: 15-21 January:**

Alice Jones (15.1.20), Barbara Shaw 16.1.22), Norah Norris (16.1.20), Doreen Page (19.1.21), Peter Smith (19.1.20), Ricardo Criscenti (21.1.22), Iris Grover (21.1.19).

## PARISH NOTICES

**LIVE STREAMING – THIS WEEK:** The Parish Eucharist at 10.00am will be live streamed this week. This can be joined at: [www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/live-streamed-services](http://www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/live-streamed-services) - we apologise in advance if our internet connection fails! A recording will be uploaded as soon as possible if this happens. Thank you for your understanding.

**CHORAL EVENSONG:** This Sunday, 15 January, 6.30pm, All Welcome. Come and worship God in the beauty of holiness with music, silence, and an exploration of the Epiphany themes.

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

**TOM'S LUNCH:** on 16 January is at Redbourn Golf Club, 12.30 for 1.00pm. Anyone who needs a lift please contact Di Tovey (263669).

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS:** This Wednesday at the earlier time of 3.00pm. A chance to bring a friend, make a friend, tell a story, hear a story. Everyone is welcome.

**MESSY CHURCH: Sunday 22 January, 3.00-5.00pm,** - Candlemas themed – Jesus the Light of the World - in St John's hall. Fun, games, craft, food, worship, and mess for all the family. Please spread the word. All welcome

**SUSTAINABLE PRESENT SWAP:** Saturday 28 Jan 2023 - in St John's Church Hall. Drop off unwanted presents between 10 - 10.30 am - stay for a coffee and a chat. Swap shop opens from 11 - 12 noon. Exchange one for one. Maximum 5 items each. All free except refreshments. The Eco Team - Rosie Shaw, Mark Harbour and Dee Fisher.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Tickets are now on sale for the next Quiz Night, to be held on Saturday 28 January in the church hall. Details are on the poster at back of St John's church. Contact Alan Munford 01442 242543 or email [alan.munford@btinternet.com](mailto:alan.munford@btinternet.com)

**WARM-SPACE:** The PCC has committed to warming St John's each Tuesday during the winter for people to find a warm place to be.

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS:** A reminder to collect any Christmas tree decorations from the back of St John's. We will assume any left by Sunday 22 January are not wanted and will be "recycled/filed".

**NOTICE BOARD WANTED:** Has anyone got a notice board they don't want which can be used to display Eco notices/events at the back of church? Contact Rosie Shaw, Mark Harbour or Dee Fisher via the office. Thank you. The Eco Team

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2023:** Friday 24–Sunday 26 March. A wonderful opportunity has opened up, in conjunction with the Parish of Hemel Old Town, to go on Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham for the weekend, enabling pilgrims space to reflect and worship, as well as plenty of time for fellowship and friendship. The Shrine offers excellent facilities including en-suite accommodation, and close proximity for visits to Wells Next-the-Sea or Sheringham, nice food and great company. Cost: £145. There are limited places for this event so if you are interested please speak to the Vicar.

**COVID GUIDANCE:**

- We have **re-introduced the chalice** within the parish. Receiving communion in both kinds is not compulsory (as our recent practice has shown). If you would like to receive the chalice the offer is there. If you would prefer not to receive from the common cup then simply receive the host and walk back to your places. It is an entirely personal decision.
- Intincting/dipping your wafer into the wine is not permitted.
- Mandatory Social Distancing has ceased, however, please be mindful when choosing somewhere to sit as some may still prefer to keep at a respectable distance and/or wear a face covering. If you would like some space no-one will be offended if you say so.

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