

NEWSLETTER

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
Monday	9.30am	School Visit: Westbrook Hay School, Year 6	St John's
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Finance Committee	Zoom
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play, and Service	St John's Hall
	11.30-4.00pm	Warm-Space – Open and warm church	St John's
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Communications Committee	Zoom
Wednesday		Conversion of St Paul - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes	
	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's
Saturday	10.00am	Sustainable Present Swap	St John's Hall
	7.30pm	Church Quiz	St John's Hall

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass: Bishop Norman to preside & preach	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

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

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: Anthony, 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:

St Albans Church – Warners End (Anglican) 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, Bierton Crem
 Malcolm Knight;

those whose Years mind is this week: 22-28 January:

Doreen Wood (23.1.22), Clive Ireland (23.1.18), Roy Buck (25.1.21), Marjorie Preece (27.1.20), Nora Field (27.1.19).

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 - 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.

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

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.

NEXT SUNDAY: We welcome Bishop Norman to St Francis' for the Sung Mass. All other services happen as usual.

ST JOHN'S LUNCH CLUB: Advance notice that the next Lunch Club gathering will be on **Sunday 12 February**. Don't forget to sign-up on the list at the back of St John's.

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. Time is running out to book!

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU: It has become increasingly difficult to provide sidespeople and helpers at our services – not helped by the pandemic! This is a vital task in helping regular and new worshippers feel welcome and safe whilst in church. Some Sundays we have either been operating on the bare minimum or, looking to the future, have not been able to create a rota. Please would you consider helping with this ministry. The more who help the less often you would be required to do it. We also need more readers and intercession leaders. Please see the Vicar if you are willing to help. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICE: MOZART'S REQUIEM: Sunday 12 March, 6.30pm As part of our Lenten devotions we will be performing, within a liturgical context Mozart's Requiem. Our choir, accompanied by the St John's Ensemble, with fabulous soloists will sing the Mass whilst. Do put it in your diary – it will be well worth attending.

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.