

NEWSLETTER

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: <i>Bishop Norman to preside & preach</i>	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
Monday	9.30am	School Visit: Westbrook Hay School, Year 3	St John's
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: Fundraising Committee	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday	8.30am	Dacorum Music School/MaSJ Music Making Day	St John's
Friday	5.30pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	St John's Hall
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY

CANDLEMAS – THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist <i>sung by the Junior Choir</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	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, Delia Aylott, Andrew, Becky, Matt Blake, Brenda, Catherine, Peter Clayton, Jean Dawkins, Michele Finch, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Janice, 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, 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:

Sunrise Church – Apsley, their leaders and congregation;

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

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

Steve Hanwell, Richard Moss;

those whose Years mind is this week: 29 January – 4 February:

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

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.

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

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.

WELCOME: Today we once again welcome Bishop Norman to St Francis who will preside and preach. It is always a pleasure to see the Bishop of Richborough, with whom St Francis enjoys a close pastoral relationship. Lunch and fellowship follow the service.

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.

STEVE HANWELL RIP: After a long fight with cancer, Steve – a regular member of the Wednesday morning Communion service until the pandemic and self-isolation prevent attendance – died peacefully in Debs' arms last Wednesday, 7 days shy of his 70th birthday. Steve was resolute in his faith to the end. Please remember Steve and Debs in your prayers.

NEW BISHOP OF HERTFORD: On 2 February our new area Bishop will be consecrated. The Venerable Jane Mainwaring – currently Archdeacon of St Albans – will be consecrated bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Canterbury. Please pray for Jane as she prepares for this new ministry and for wisdom and grace as she seeks to shepherd and guide the Churches and communities within Hertfordshire under Bishop Alan.

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.