

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist – sung by the Junior Choir	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Sung Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
Tuesday	10am-12noon	Tiny Tots New Year Party	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	11.30am	Bereavement Group	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	11.30-4.00pm	Warm-hub – Open and warm church	<i>St John's</i>
	8.00pm	GSS Sung Mass & AGM	<i>St Francis'</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion followed by coffee	<i>St John's</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Thursday	9.30am	Hall Committee	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	11.00am	Mountbatten Lodge Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's</i>

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Sung Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	12noon	Holy Baptism	<i>St John's</i>
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St John's</i>

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, Alan Kirtley, Lizzie, John Loria, 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:

All who are finding the winter months hard;

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

Richard Moss, Dave Latimer;

those whose Years mind is this week: 8-14 January:

Rasha Crombie (8.1.18), Phyllis Simons (10.1.21), Herbert Norris (10.1.18), Pamela Quinlan (14.1.19).

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

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: A massive thank you to all who helped/supported/refreshed/decorated/attended our Tree Festival this year. Initial figures suggest we raised over £2250 which, considering the weather and the increase in the cost of living, is a tremendous amount. A special thank you to all who turned up to remove the trees and clean the church – I hear it was a very quick operation. Well done everyone.

NEW YEAR'S EVE RUN/WALK: A very big 'Thank You' to everyone who took part or helped in any way to make this year's event such a success. Despite the rain **103 Runners** and **36 Walkers** braved the elements which resulted in us raising **1,260.00** for our charity Music at St John's – Thank you everyone.

TINY TOTS: Tiny Tots will restart this Tuesday - 10 January at **10.00am** with the New Year Party. £3 per child. ALL welcome. Contact Di Tovey (263669) if you have any questions.

CHORAL EVENSONG: 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.

TOM'S LUNCH: on 16 January is at Redbourn Golf Club, 12.30 for 1pm. Anyone who needs a lift please contact Di Tovey (263669).

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

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the December draw: Job Rombout, 1st, £15; Noel James, 2nd, £8; Richard Lyne, 3rd, £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.

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

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.