

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY

## SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b> – <i>Parking maybe busy as event happening at Sports Centre</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> – <i>President &amp; Preacher: The Venerable Jonathan Smith</i>	<i>St Francis'</i>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<i>St John's</i>
Monday	2.00pm	Poetry Group	<i>53 Beechfield Road</i>
	2.00pm	Knitting Circle	<i>25 River Park</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	No Tiny Tots – half term	
	11.30-4.00pm	Warm-Space – Open and warm church	<i>St John's</i>
Wednesday	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b> <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	12noon	Burial of Ashes – Angela Sans	<i>St John's</i>
	3.00pm	Friendship Tea	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
Friday	5.30pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>St John's Hall</i>

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## 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:** Isabel Abbot, 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, Guy Wyatt;

**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, 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:**

Carey Baptist Church – their leaders and congregation;

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

John Loria funeral: 15 February, 3.00pm, Berton Crem  
Jennifer Sears funeral: 27 February, 1.00pm, St John's Church  
Brian Laidlaw, Bob Reiss – priest, Peter Price, Carol Johnston, Steve Hanwell;

### **those whose Years mind is this week: 12-18 February:**

Rose Batchelor (12.2.22), Kenneth Warby (12.2.21), George Poulteney (16.2.19), Vera Knight (18.2.20),

*The Vicar will be taking Annual Leave this week – 13–19 February. If you have any pastoral concerns please contact the Churchwardens who will facilitate the appropriate care.*

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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](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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Emily Charlotte Cecilia Cox from her family.

**CHORAL EVENSONG:** This evening at 6.30pm. Music will include Handel's *Worthy is the Lamb*, *Rose Responses*, and *Bairstow's Evening Service in D*. Come and share this oasis of prayer and praise.

**EARTHQUAKE DISASTER:** Most of you will have seen the harrowing images coming out of Turkey and Syria this week. The Disasters Emergency Committee have launched an appeal to help the victims and we will be supporting this with bucket collections after our services this Sunday and next. If you no longer carry cash, please use your card at the Goodbox device at the back of St John's - Donations received that way will be added to our collections.

**KNITTING CIRCLE:** We will be meeting on Monday 13 February at 2.00pm at 25 River Park (planning for Easter).

**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.

**LENT COURSE: Images of Christ: The story of Jesus in the Arts:** Explore how the Gospel narrative has been interpreted in Art, Word, and Music and the response we have to it. 5 sessions, repeated twice each week (St John's on Monday evenings and St Stephen's on Thursday mornings). See poster and Magazine for more details. All welcome.

**TOGETHER ON MONDAY CLUB:** Tom's AGM will be on 20 February at 7.45pm, followed by a buffet. All welcome. Di Tovey 263669.

### **SHROVE TUESDAY: 21 February**

**For Children:** We will once again hold our children's **Pancake Party** at 4.00pm in the church and hall. £1 per child. Races and pancakes. Lots of fun!

**For Adults: Wine and cheese evening** (with something sweet too!) at 7.30pm in the hall. £5 per person. Another chance for us to 'build back better' as we socialise and get to know each other again.

**ASH WEDNESDAY: 22 February.** Start Lent well by coming to a service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes. 10.00am and 8.00pm at St John's. A chance to reflect on how we (as people who get things wrong) can walk a closer life with God and know we are his children – loved and redeemed.

**DEFIBRILLATOR:** Did you know the Church now has a Defibrillator? Thanks to your fundraising it hangs in the Hall corridor ready for use (as required). Training is being organised for all interested persons.

**BRIAN LAIDLAW RIP:** Prayers and condolences to Yvonne Laidlaw following the sudden and unexpected death of her husband Brian this week.

**MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB:** Congratulations to the winners of the January draw: 1<sup>st</sup>: Sheila James, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gill Williams, £8; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Nicholas King, £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.

**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.

**3<sup>RD</sup> BOXMOOR SCOUT GROUP:** are looking for volunteers to join their team. If you're passionate about giving young people [#SkillsforLife](#) then this could be for you. No scouting experience necessary as training will be provided. For more information contact [moore\\_deborah@icloudcom](mailto:moore_deborah@icloudcom)

### **COVID GUIDANCE:**

- **The Chalice:** 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.