

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Sung Mass with Act of Remembrance	<i>St Francis'</i>
	10.50am	Civic & RBL Act of Remembrance	<i>War Memorial</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship with Act of Remembrance	<i>St Stephen's</i>
Monday	12noon	Burial of Ashes: Alexander & Winifred Mason	<i>St John's</i>
	2.00pm	Poetry Group	<i>53 Beechfield Road</i>
	8.15pm	Confirmation Class	
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: PCC	<i>St John's Hall</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by coffee	<i>St John's</i>
	12noon	Burial of Ashes	<i>St John's</i>
	3.00pm	Friendship Tea	<i>St John's Hall</i>
	4.00pm	Baptism Preparation	<i>St John's</i>
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Francis'</i>
	8.00pm	MASJ Board Meeting	<i>Parish Office</i>
Thursday	11.00am	Mountbatten Lodge Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>St John's</i>
Saturday	10.00am	Countdown to Christmas Fayre	<i>St John's</i>

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

	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>

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

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

for peace between Israeli and Palestinian;

those who are ill: Lynsey Abbott, Andrew, Becky, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Catherine, Marion Cowe, Hugh Cumberland, Eve Davis, Jean Dawkins, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Janice, Kevin, Alan Kirtley, Anne Lyne, Paul McCormick, Elizabeth McDonald, Sue McMorrnan, Ann & Paul Meeder, Pamela, John Poole, Stanley Rose;

those with ongoing needs: Richard Berry, John Bery, Peter Clayton, Val Darvill, Gill Dow, Michele Finch, Pam French, Josie Gower, Andrew Gunning, Margaret Gunning, Jean Harries, Pam Hart, Anne Hosier, Elizabeth Jones, Paul Kessell-Holland, Sheila Lewis, Rev'd Rex Merry, Ruth Merry, Gladys Mimer, Sharon & family, Steve Randall, Marion Roff, Jane Rombout, 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:

South Hill Church – town centre, their leaders and congregation;

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

Philip Preston, Pauline Brookman;

those whose Years mind is this week: 12-18 November:

Glennis Jones (12.11.19), Sylvia Macklin (14.11.21).

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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Please note the Parish Eucharist TODAY begins at **9.30am**. This will be followed by the Civic Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph at 10.45am. Both St Francis' and St Stephen's will hold Acts of Remembrance at their usual times. There will be no Royal British Legion Service in church this year.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers at the Altar this week are given by Gill Williams 'In Remembrance'

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Those seeking Confirmation continue their preparation this week. Names of candidates for your prayers will be shared next week when those still seeking have made their decision. Please hold this group of people in your prayers.

ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY: A job description for our new Administrator has been posted to our website and Facebook page. Please share with people you may think would be interested. Please pray that we appoint the right person to this post. Application Deadline: **13 November**.

COUNTDOWN-TO-CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 18 NOVEMBER - DONATIONS NEEDED: We're gearing up in our preparations for this year's Fayre and crates are now available at the back of the church (under the black tables) for any items you could donate for sale. We're collecting good quality gifts, toiletries (in date, unopened), stationary, books, jewellery, toys and teddies as in past years but NOT crockery and glass this year, thanks. Also needed are bottles for the bottle tombola - though these would be best stored in the office. Detailed requests will be coming out in the coming weeks and sign up lists for cakes and produce and to help! With huge thanks in advance!

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS: Once again we will be sharing Christmas Greetings and Services times to all who live in the parish via our Parish Christmas Card. Please can you help to distribute these cards? A sign-up sheet is available at the back of St John's. Cards are already available for delivery. Thank you in advance.

TICKETS FOR CHRISTINGLE SERVICES: Tickets for both Christingle services will be available via our website on **1 DECEMBER, from 9.00am**. They are FREE. Please spread the word. These are very popular services so to avoid disappointment please book early.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: will take place from 15-19 December. If anyone would like to sponsor and decorate an indoor tree or sponsor an outdoor tree please see Jean Hammond for a sponsorship form (or you can pick one up from the back of church). There will soon be a sign-up sheet at the back of church for help with stewarding at the festival so please have your diaries ready!

FREE TOY SWAP: Saturday 2 December 2023, St Stephen's Church, Long Chaulden, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD HP1 2BY. Drop off Toys from 10 am Stay for refreshments Swap Toys from 11 am - 12 noon Maximum of 5 Toys each to swap - for 5 'new to you'. In good condition please. For further details contact The Green Team:- Rosie Shaw, Mark Harbour, or Dee Fisher 07748 307979

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the October draw: 1st: Job Rombout, £15; 2nd: Lorraine Ioannou, £8; 3rd: Carole Lewis, £4.

SERVING CHRIST BY SERVING EACH OTHER: There are lots of ways we can serve each other and our worshipping community. Sadly, at present, we are wholly reliant on the same few helpers to ensure that our services or events take place. Please consider being a sidesperson/welcomer, a reader or leader of Intercession, a server/Eucharistic minister. The more who take on these ministries the less burdensome they become to all of us.

COFFEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Join our friendly team of volunteers to help serving coffee after the 10am Sunday services. Please can you add your name and surname on the list available on the notice at the back of church or contact Yolanda Porter via email yolandaporter.yp@googlemail.com, thank you.

HARDSHIP FUND: The church has a hardship fund. Should anyone be struggling with fuel bills the parish may be able to help. Please speak to the vicar.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: Should anyone be in need of advice or help concerning a safeguarding matter, please approach the Vicar or Rosie Akeroyd, Parish Safeguarding Officer.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: If you wish to receive the weekly Newsletter by Email please send your Email address to stjohnchurchnews@btinternet.com and you will be added to the distribution list.

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The core office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30am–1.30pm.
The Parish Office will be closed this week.