

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	1.00pm	Burial of Ashes: Eva Woodgate	St John's
Monday	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club: The Liberty Tea Rooms	St John's Hall
	8.15pm	Confirmation Class	
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Communications Committee	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Finance Committee	Zoom
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's
Saturday	2.00pm	Burial of Ashes: Andrew Bartley	St John's

## SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING

	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
	6.30pm	Deanery Confirmation Service	St John's

### 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;**

**for those being baptised today:** April Mary Joy Moxon

**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 McMorran, Ann & Paul Meeder, Pamela, John Poole, David Rose, Stanley Rose;

**those with ongoing needs:** Richard Berry, John Bery, Peter Clayton, Val Darvill, Gill Dow, Michele Finch, Pam French, Josie Gower, Angela Green, 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:**

Street Pastors – A Christian presence late night on the streets, offering reassurance and help;

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

Victor Porter, Mark Jefferson, Beryl Webb

### **those whose Years mind is this week: 19-25 November:**

Alan French (20.11.20), Margaret Cooper (21.11.21), Alan Stone (21.11.19), Sonny Khan (23.11.19), Kenneth Morgan (24.11.21).

## **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](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.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE:** Next Sunday evening, at a special service of Confirmation at 6.30pm, 5 members of our congregation will confirm the baptismal promises made on their behalf as children and undertake to be Christ's disciples in their own right. Please come and support them as make this joyful declaration before Bishop Jane who will preside and preach. We are also welcoming candidates from other Churches in the Deanery – it would be very embarrassing if our own congregation was outnumbered by visiting Churches. Please hold this group of people in your prayers: Fatemeh Dehghan, Jane Nott, Rachel Nott, Joanne Rhoden, Rebecca Taylor.

**TOGETHER ON MONDAY:** The speaker at our meeting on Monday will be Kerri-Anne Cooper - talking about the Liberty Tea Rooms which is our charity for this year. Di Tovey 263669

**ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY:** 3 candidates for this post will be interviewed on 23 November. Please continue to pray that we appoint the right person to this position.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers commemorate St Cecilia's Feast Day and are given by Katherine and Jonathan Cox in loving memory of their daughter Emily.

**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, helped at/organised our wonderful Fayre yesterday. A provisional figure of £3,300 was raised – but further donations will still be accepted if anyone would like to make a guilt offering! Well done everyone!

**ADVENT SUNDAY:** Sunday 3 December, 6.30pm, St John's Church: A service of music and readings, sung by a combined Deanery Choir, taking us from darkness to light, as we recall how the coming light of Christ dispels the darkness through his birth in Bethlehem. All welcome. A great way to start our preparations for Christmas.

**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

**CONDOLENCES:** We send our warmest wishes and condolences to The Reverend Vanessa Jefferson née Hadley-Spencer (former head chorister of Boxmoor) and to her family on the sudden and unexpected death of her husband, Mark, who died last week of a suspected heart attack. Mark was a well-known local figure in the Scouting Movement. May he rest in peace.

**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](mailto:yolandaporter.yp@googlemail.com), thank you.

### **COVID GUIDANCE:**

- 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.

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