

NEWSLETTER

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
Monday	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Fundraising Committee	Zoom
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
Thursday		St Andrew, Apostle	
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's
Saturday	10.00am	Free Toy Swap	St Stephen's

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All-Age Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	12noon	St John's Lunch	St John's Hall
	6.30pm	Deanery Advent 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;

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, Carole Lewis, 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:

The Salvation Army – Town Centre;

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

Shetha Henderson, Victor Porter, Mark Jefferson, Beryl Webb;

those whose Years mind is this week: 26 November – 2 December:

Vera Ewer (27.11.18), Jean Foy (28.11.19), Faramarz Taghavi (29.11.22), Angela Sans (30.11.22).

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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.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: This 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.

ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY: Following interviews last week the Vicar is pleased to announce that an appointment has been made pending the necessary safeguarding checks. We look forward to introducing her to you very soon.

FLOWERS: The flowers this week have been donated by Nicholas King in year's mind of his younger brother, Jonathan.

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.

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.

MESSY CHURCH: Our next Messy Church will be on Sunday 10 December, 3.00-5.00pm in the church. We hope children and families will once again be able to join us.

PRAY HEMEL: The final Pray Hemel of 2023 will be on Saturday 2 December at South Hill Church, Cemetery Hill. Refreshments from 8.00am, Worship with Prayers beginning at 8.30am. All welcome to come and pray for the life of our community.

URGENT PLEA – CURTAINS: If you have any spare good quality second hand curtains, could you please contact Margaret Gunning on HH 239866. Her daughter is in urgent need. Thank you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A QUIZ MASTER? We need an extra Quiz Master to join the team who organise our popular quizzes. Could this be you? Are you a Quizzer? Do you like devising puzzles? Or would you be happy to help set up the Hall and organise prizes for these occasions? If so, please contact the Vicar or Alan Munford who can brief you on what is required. Don't be shy!

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!

HEMEL ROTARY SANTA SLEIGH IN BOXMOOR, 19 DECEMBER, 5.30PM - 7.30PM: We are very privileged to be invited to take part in this charity event; and help up to 50 local charities distribute up to £17,000. It's great fun and very uplifting but we are looking for two helpers this year to walk by the sleigh and help collect the money. There is no knocking on doors. You have to be able to walk a couple of miles and for two hours! We have split the shift in half before so you can do just one hour! Your help is very much appreciated and we couldn't do this without your help. If this is something you'd like to do please speak to Dee Fisher (07748 307979), Noel James or Alan Munford for further info. Thank you in advance.

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.

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.