

NEWSLETTER

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
Monday	2.00pm	The Lodge Communion	The Lodge Care Home
	7.00pm	Carol Service: Hemel Hempstead School	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: PCC Standing Committee	Zoom
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis
	6.30pm	Carol Service: Boxmoor Primary School	St John's'
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

SECOND SUNDAY OF 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
	3.00pm	Messy Church	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 our schools and all others coming into our churches this Advent and Christmas;

those to be baptised today: Colby and Freddy Grandis;

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 McMorrin, 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:

Beanny Foenander (6.12.18), (Doreen Carter (7.12.20).

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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.

ADVENT SUNDAY: TODAY, 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.

TOGETHER ON MONDAY: We are having our Christmas buffet and entertainment this Monday (tomorrow). If you have not already done so will you please bring your money and choices for our New Year lunch. Di Tovey 263669

MESSY CHURCH: NEXT SUNDAY: 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.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: The Christmas tree festival will soon be upon us and plans are going well, but for it to be a success we need:

- people to steward & welcome our visitors on each of the days. If you could give 1 or 2 hours of your time on Fri 15th, Sat 16th, Mon 18th, or Tues 19th December then please sign up on the form at the back of church. This is a wonderful way for you to show your ministry and welcome our Community into the church.
- people to sign up on the sheet at the back of church to help with the refreshments. Lorraine and Di will be grateful for your help. Di Tovey 263669
- strong and able people to help after this morning All Age Eucharist to get the trestle-tops down.
- strong and able people to help get the trees "in" on Monday 11 December – please speak to the Vicar if available.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS: Please can we have one last push to get our Parish Christmas Card delivered to all the homes in the Parish. Thank you.

CHRISTINGLE TICKETS: If you would like to come to our Christingle Services don't forget to book tickets via our website – they are very popular!

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.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Thank you to all who attending the Confirmation Service last Sunday where 5 members of our worshipping community confirmed their faith in God the Holy Trinity. Please continue to pray for them in their journey of faith.

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!

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.