

NEWSLETTER

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
		Messy Church CANCELLED DUE TO WATER LEAK	St John's
Monday	9.00am	Christmas Trees arrive for Tree Festival set-up	St John's
	2.00pm	Poetry Group	53 Beechfield Road
	3.45pm	Christingle Service: Lockers Park Lower School	St John's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play & Service	St John's Hall
	6.30pm	Concert: Dacorum Community Choir	St John's
Wednesday	9.00am	Christmas Tree Dressing day	St John's
	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by coffee	St Stephen's
	2.00pm	Carol Service: South Hill School	St John's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis
	7.00pm	Carol Service: Lockers Park School	St John's'
Thursday	10.00am	Carol Service: Pixies Hill School	St John's
Friday	10am-5pm	CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Rehearsal	St John's
Saturday	10am-5pm	CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL	St John's
	2.00pm	Outdoor Community Carols around the Trees	St John's

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

THIRD 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	Holy Communion	St Stephen's
	6.30pm	Traditional Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols <i>with the St John's Ensemble</i>	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 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 McMorrان, 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, Carole Lewis, 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:

Seventh Day Adventist Church, their leaders and congregation;

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: 10-16 December:

Richard Moss (10.12.22), Ruby Branson (12.12.21), Margaret Fricker (12.12.19), Margaret Meyer (16.12.18).

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.

MESSY CHURCH: CANCELLED DUE TO WATER LEAK.

~~TODAY: Messy Church, 3.00-5.00pm in the church. We hope children and families will once again be able to join us.~~

FLOWERS: The flowers today are given by Jonathan and Joshua Bradshaw in loving memory of their father Michael Bradshaw, a former choir boy at St. John's.

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 get the trees "in" on Monday 11 December and for people to put lights on the trees – please speak to the Vicar if available.

CHANGE OF LOCATION: Our Wednesday 10.00am Service of Holy Communion this week will be at St Stephen's, Chaulden whilst the trees at St John's are prepared for the Tree Festival.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: A not to be missed service! Next Sunday, 17 December, 6.30pm. The Choir – joined by the St John's Ensemble – will lead us in carols as we here again of our Saviour's birth. No tickets required. Followed by refreshments.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT @ ST FRANCIS': Once again St Francis' is organising a Carol Service in aid of St Francis Hospice with readings and music for all to enjoy. Tuesday 19 December, 6.00pm.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS: Thank you for getting word out and delivering all our cards – much appreciated.

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.

THANK YOU: Margaret Gunning thanks all who responded to her recent plea for second hand curtains. Her daughter had a lovely choice to choose from.

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: Congratulations to the winners of the November Music Percentage Club draw: 1st: Noel James, £15; 2nd: Catherine Holness, £8; 3rd: Sheila James, £4.

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.

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.