

NEWSLETTER

<u>SUNDAY 7 JANUARY</u>	<u>EPIPHANY SUNDAY</u>	
	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion St John's
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist for Epiphany St John's
		<i>Note: Incense will be offered at this service</i>
	10.00am	Sung Mass St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship St Stephen's
Monday	<i>Morning Prayer resumes</i>	
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play and Service St John's
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting St John's Hall
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by coffee St John's
		<i>Note: Incense will be offered at this service</i>
Thursday	11.00am	Mountbatten Communion Mountbatten Lodge
Friday	5.45pm	Junior Choir Practice St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice St John's
<u>SUNDAY 14 JANUARY</u>	<u>SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST</u>	
	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

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, Carl & Justine, 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, Mary, 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, 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:

The combined witness of all Churches in Hemel Hempstead;

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

Rosemary Carpenter, Steve Checkley, Sue McMorrin, David Rose, Matthew Goode;

those whose Years mind is this week: 7–13 January:

Peter Price (7.01.23), Rasha Crombie (8.01.18), Sydney Norris (10.01.18);

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.

PARISH OFFICE: The Office re-opens following the Christmas break this Tuesday, 9 January, when our new administrator, Deniece Colley, begins. I know you will make her welcome.

CHRISTMAS TREES: Another HUGE thank you to all who helped with the take-down of the Christmas trees over the weekend – much appreciated.

TINY TOTS PARTY: Tuesday 9 January in the Hall from **11.00am to 1.00pm**. Tickets price £3.50, from Annie Mitchell. **Please buy or order NOW** so there will be enough to go round! NO Tiny Tots until the Party! Regular meetings start again at 9.30am on **Tuesday 16 January**. New members always very welcome.

KNITTING CIRCLE: Tuesday 9 January, 2.00-4.00pm, at St John's. Come and join us to knit, sew or just to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat.

CHORAL EVENSONG: Choral Evensong returns on 21 January at 6.30pm at St John's. This will be during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are welcome. Going on current form our choir will be well worth listening to as they sing God's praises.

BISHOP'S VISIT: The Bishop of Richborough will visit the parish for the final time before retirement on 28 January. He will preside and preach at the Sung Mass at St Francis followed by a lunch. All are welcome.

QUIZ EVENING: Tickets now on sale for the Quiz on 10 February. Tables of 8 (We can help make a table or you can have a whole table). Please see Alan Munford to reserve a table. Likewise please speak to Alan if you would be willing to donate prizes for the raffle.

MATTHEW GOODE RIP: Many will remember Matthew – Duncan MacEwan's grandson – who used to attend St John's. After a very short illness, and a 10hr operation, he died peacefully in his parents' Katriona and Paul's arms. Matthew brought much joy to the world. We send love, prayers and condolences.

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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