

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 14 JANUARY

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

	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
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play and Service	St John's
Wednesday		<i>Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	
	10.00am	Holy Communion followed by coffee	St John's
	3.00pm	Friendship Teas	St John's Hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Francis'
	7.30pm	Licensing of The Reverend Hilary Kemp	Devon/Zoom
Thursday	8.00pm	Church Meeting Communications Committee	Zoom
Friday	5.45pm	Junior Choir Practice	St John's
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's

## SUNDAY 21 JANUARY

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY – during Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

	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
	12 Noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	12.30pm	St John's Lunch Club	St John's Hall
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	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, Bishop Alan, 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:**

Adeyfield Free Church & the unity of Christ's Church around the world.

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

Colin Backhouse funeral: 22 January, 10.30am Hemel Hempstead Crematorium  
Michael Cherry funeral: 6 February, 12.30pm St John's  
Sue McMorran, David Rose, Matthew Goode;

### **those whose Years mind is this week: 14–20 January:**

Pamela Susan Quinlan (14.1.19), Alice Mary Jones (15.1.20), Norah Norris (16.1.20), Peter Smith (19.1.20), Doreen Elizabeth Page (19.1.21);

## 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.

**TINY TOTS:** Regular meetings start again at 9.30am on **Tuesday 16 January**. New members always very welcome.

**FLOWERS:** The Altar Flowers this week have been given by Marion Roff and family in 'Loving Memory of John'.

**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 to Mass – please sign-up for the lunch as limited capacity.

**FRIENDSHIP TEAS:** A reminder that Friendship Teas continue this Wednesday 3.00–4.30pm in St John's Hall. Bring a friend; have a natter; enjoy afternoon tea. All are welcome.

**HILARY'S SERVICE:** Our former administrator, The Reverend Hilary Kemp, is to be licensed as a Team Vicar in North Devon this Wednesday. If you would like to join the service virtually, please follow this link on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89589911555?pwd=bVlLQldQWEw4K0wzU1JXOUZhS2VtZz09>

Meeting ID: 895 8991 1555      Passcode: 328953.      Fr Mike will be travelling to Devon to represent our Parish.

**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.

**CEREMONY OF CAROLS:** On Candlemas Sunday (4 February), at 4.00pm, our choir will sing Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*. This is a glorious work, accompanied by Harp, offers us one final opportunity before we enter Lent to reflect and meditate on Christ's incarnation following his birth at Christmas and his being made known throughout the Epiphany season. All are welcome.

**RETIREMENT NEWS:** It was announced last Sunday that The Reverend Lizzie Hood, Rector of Langelei, former Rural Dean, and Curate of this Parish, is to retire on Sunday 28 April this year. More details to follow concerning how we can share in thanksgiving for her ministry within this Deanery. Please pray for Lizzie and her family as they prepare for this transition.

**NEW PRIEST FOR ST MARY AND ST JOSEPH'S:** We extend a warm welcome to Fr David Cherry as he begins his new ministry among us as Parish Priest for the Roman Catholic community of Hemel West. Fr David succeeds Fr Brian who retired due to ill health. Please pray for Fr David and God's blessing on his ministry among us.

**MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB:** Congratulations to the winners of the December Music Percentage Club draw: 1<sup>st</sup>: Garth Bridgwood, £15; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennie Whitefield, £8; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sheila James, £4. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Music Percentage Club and supporting Music at St John's in this way there are forms in church or please contact Mark Harbour on 01582 841019 or see him in church.

**CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING:** Despite everyone feeling the increase in the Cost of Living, and the pressure Christmas places on our personal finances, it is worth noting and giving thanks for the generosity received during December. Some £8000 (gross) was donated to the Church (or church associated charities) which is phenomenal. Thank you all very much.

**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 9.30am–12noon.