

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY: *Week of prayer for Christian Unity*

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Sung Mass	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>
	12noon	Baptism	<i>St John's</i>
	12.30pm	St John's Lunch Club	<i>St John's</i>
	1.00pm	Burial of Ashes	<i>St John's</i>
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	<i>St John's</i>
Monday	2.00pm	The Lodge Communion Service	<i>The Lodge Care Home</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play and Service	<i>St John's</i>
	2.00pm	Craft Afternoon: Sewing, knitting, crochet & chatter	<i>St John's</i>
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	<i>St John's</i>
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Finance Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Thursday		Conversion of St Paul	
	11.00am	Mountbatten Communion	<i>Mountbatten Lodge</i>
	8.00pm	Church Meeting: Fundraising Committee	<i>Zoom</i>
Friday	5.45pm	Junior Choir Practice	<i>St John's</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St John's</i>

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	<i>St John's</i>
	10.00am	Sung Mass – <i>president & preacher: The Bishop of Richborough</i>	<i>St Francis'</i>
	11.30am	Morning Worship	<i>St Stephen's</i>

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 to be baptised today: Amelia Connor;

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:

St Albans Church – Warners End;

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

those whose Years mind is this week: 21-27 January: Peter Smith (19.01.20), Iris Grover (21.01.19), Riccardo Criscenti (21.01.22), Jennifer Sears (24.01.23), Roy Buck (25.01.21), Nora Field (27.01.19), Marjorie Preece (27.01.20).

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.

FLOWERS: The Altar Flowers this week have been given by Sheila James in “Loving Memory of her sister Gwenda”.

CHORAL EVENSONG: Choral Evensong returns TONIGHT (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.

CRAFT ACTIVITY: Come and join us in St John’s Church to knit, crochet, sew, or just to enjoy a cup of tea. This Tuesday, 23 January, 2.00-4.00pm.

TINY TOTS: Stay & Play followed by short action-song filled service for children 0-4yrs. Every Tuesday in term time. 9.30-11.00am in St John’s Hall/St John’s Church. New members always very welcome. No need to book – just turn up.

CEREMONY OF CAROLS: On Candlemas Sunday (4 February), at **6.30pm**, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Di Tovey who, last week, celebrated her four-score. We hope she had a fabulous day celebrating.

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.

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!

MUSIC PERCENTAGE CLUB: 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.

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 sides person/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.
- Indicting/dipping your wafer into the wine is not permitted.

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