

# NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY 28 JANUARY

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass – president & preacher: The Bishop of Richborough <i>followed by Lunch'</i>	St Francis
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
Tuesday	9.30am	Tiny Tots: Stay & Play and Service	St John's
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>	St John's
	8.00pm	Meeting: MASJ Board	Office
Thursday	8.15am	Lockers Park Chapel	Lockers Park School
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Practice	St John's
Saturday	7.30pm	Concert: Hemel Symphony Orchestra	St John's

## SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

### CANDLEMAS SUNDAY – *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St John's
	10.00am	All Age Eucharist – <i>sung by the Junior Choir</i>	St John's
	10.00am	Sung Mass	St Francis'
	11.30am	Morning Worship	St Stephen's
	12noon	Holy Baptism	St John's
	6.30pm	A Ceremony of Carols	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, Matthew Bloor, Brenda, Carl & Justine, Catherine, Marion Cowe, Hugh Cumberland, Eve Davis, Jean Dawkins, Annetta Gray, Dave Harvey, Angie Jackson, Janice, Kevin, Alan Kirtley, 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, Anne Lyne, 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:**

Sunrise Church – Featherbed Lane

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

Michael Cherry funeral: 6 February, 12.30pm St John's

**those whose Years mind is this week: 28 January—3 February:** Doris Owen (02.02.21)

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*The core office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am–12noon.*

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Churchwarden

## **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.

**FLOWERS:** The Altar flowers this week have been given and arranged by Jean Frith for 'Memories of Family Birthdays past and present'.

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

**CEREMONY OF CAROLS:** On Candlemas Sunday (NEXT SUNDAY, 4 February), at **6.30pm**, the women's voices of our choir will sing Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*. This is 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.

**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.

**QUIZ EVENING:** Tickets sales have gone well and we now have a waiting list for the Quiz on 10 February. Please see Alan Munford to enquire about the Waiting List. 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!

**FEBRUARY MAGAZINES:** The February edition of the Parish Magazine is now available. Please pick up your copy. Thank you to those who deliver the magazine to various addresses within and without the parish boundary.

**LENT COURSE 2024:** Our Lent Course this year follows the Archbishop of York's book *Come and See: Learning from the life of St Peter*. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings during Lent. Please see Magazine or sign-up sheet for more details. The course this year is 4 weeks' long.

**SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKE PARTY & SOCIAL:** A time to come together and celebrate before we begin our Lenten observance, fasting, and disciplines. 2 social events are planned:

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| 4.00pm | Pancake Party for children – with age appropriate races (St John's Church and Hall) |
| 7.30pm | Wine and Cheese evening for adults.   |

More details to follow next week. All are welcome.

**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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