

ADVENT CHALLENGE: We all like to receive a gift at Christmas but sadly not everyone will, or if they do exchange gifts other things will go by the by. Can you help? Instead of taking something out of your Advent Calendar everyday can you put something into an Advent box that can be of help and use to a family with nothing like toys, clothes, nappies, or someone in need of food and hygiene products? All gifts will then be sorted and given to DENS and Dacorum Safe Haven (women's and children's refuge).

ADVENT SUNDAY: Advent Procession with Licencing, 2 December 6.30pm, St John's. A service of music and readings, taking us from darkness to light, as we recall how the coming light of Christ dispels the darkness through his birth in Bethlehem.

NEXT SUNDAY: 25 November – CHRIST THE KING

Services at St John's:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	12.30pm	Sunday Lunch at St John's
Service at St Stephen's:	11.15am	Holy Communion
Services at St Francis:	10.00am	Sung Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Evensong and Benediction
		<i>Guest preacher: Canon John Williams</i>



NEWSLETTER ITEMS for next Sunday's newsletter (in writing please) to Annie Mitchell **by Tuesday please** (maximum length 4 lines of A5). If separate flyers are to be produced, please let her know. **Items for inclusion should now be emailed to:** newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk

Newsletter by email. You can receive a copy of this Newsletter every week by email. Send your email address to stjohnchurchnews@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk and you will be added to the distribution list.

PARISH MAGAZINE: Please note that the deadline for articles for the **February 2019** magazine, including Questions for the Ministry Team and News from the Clubs, is **Sunday 6 January**. You can email direct to magazine@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk (A5 format please), or leave in pigeonhole in church or deliver direct to 27 Beechfield Road. Sally-Anne Bates, Editor. Tel: 266912.

*Please take this Newsletter home with you as a reminder
of those who have asked for your prayers and events you may wish to attend*
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2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Services at St John's

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
	<i>Hymns: 336, 161, 261, 239</i>
	<i>Yellow book: 50</i>
	<i>Anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains - Stainer</i>
11.30am	Holy Baptism
6.30pm	Deanery Confirmation Service

Service at St Stephen's, Chaulden

11.15am Morning Worship

Service at St Francis, Hammerfield

10.00am Sung Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S: 19-24 November

Daily: 8.45am Morning Prayer 5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)

MONDAY	7.45pm	Together on Monday Club (Hall)
TUESDAY	9.30am	Tiny Tots stay & play and & service (Hall & Church)
	11.30am	Bereavement Meeting
	6.30pm	Office Hour (Wedding & Baptism enquiries)
	8.00pm	Church meetings: Communications Committee (Hall 1) Finance Committee (Office)
WEDNESDAY	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (St Francis')
THURSDAY	9.30am	Holy Communion (St Stephen's)
FRIDAY		<i>The Parish Office will be closed this morning</i>
	7.00pm	Choir Practice (St John's Hall 1)
SATURDAY	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	7.30pm	MASJ Concert: Vale Symphonic Wind Band

Details of next Sunday Services are on the back of the Newsletter

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead: South Hill Church – Town Centre

those to be Confirmed and Baptised* today:

James Childs, Michell Giddings, Stuart Giddings, Edward Grayson, Chloe Hamilton, George Higgs, Gemma Ingram*, Andrea Merrett, Emily Higgins, Archie Wright;

those who are ill: John Hutton, Pam Hart, Samuel and James Lockyer, Pauline Webb, Beryl King, Ivan Martin, Janet Hislop, Godfrey Rock;

those with ongoing needs: Sheila Charge, Angela Green, Jean Harries, Beryl Taylor, David Stevens, Jean Stevens, Christine Wilson, Rory Wilson, Steve Hanwell, Jayne Taylor, Jim Taylor, Brian Laidlaw, Anne Hosier, Ruth Merry, Ian Williams;

Prayers for others with ongoing needs are offered at our weekday services.

If you wish to be remembered at Morning and Evening Prayer only, please contact the vicar.

those who have died:

David Hardware (funeral: 19 November)

and we pray for their families and friends.

Years mind (18-24 Nov): Ted West (19.11.2014), Gwen Foskett (22.11.2014), Bill Mitchell (24.11.2014),

TODAY

Copies of today's readings (including large print) are available at the back of each church.

JUNIOR CHURCH: This term children will be invited to remain in Junior Church until just before we receive Communion. As usual they will go to Junior Church after the first hymn.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Tonight at 6.30pm. Please come and support our 8 candidates for Confirmation and Baptism. In total 23 people will be Confirmed from across Hemel and Bovingdon. Bishop Robin Smith will preside and preach.

THIS WEEK

TOGETHER ON MONDAY MEETING: on Monday. Our speaker will be Revd Helen Gardner, talking about her walk from John O'Groats to Land's End. All welcome. Di Tovey 263669.

MASJ CONCERT: Saturday 24 November, 7.30pm, at St John's. Given by Vale Symphonic Wind Band. Entitled *Centenaries*, partly based on that of the Armistice, and including many familiar band pieces such as Nimrod, Dambusters, The King and I, West Side Story and music by Jimmy Webb and Holst. Tickets are £10 (£5 for children). Come along and enjoy the music!

NEXT WEEK

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH: (formerly OMO) will take place on Sunday 25 November at 12.30pm. If you wish to join us, please sign up at the back of the church TODAY.

VOLUTEERS NEEDED: Appeal for more collectors (ideally 5) to accompany the Rotary Santa's Sleigh round Boxmoor West on Thursday 29 November please. The money will be divided between the Hemel churches according to the route walked. If you can spare an hour or two we would be really grateful. We are walking with St Mary and St Joseph's Church- starting off at the Methodist Church, Northridge Way, promptly at 6pm. Sign-up sheet at back of church or ring Dee Fisher 266311.

PARISH NOTICES

CHOCOLATE ADVENT CALENDARS: these will be on sale at the back of church on Sundays - £4 each.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY: Please sign up at the back of St John's church, in the blue folder, to deliver Christmas cards this year to every house in the parish. The cards will be available within the next few weeks. Please volunteer to do a couple of walks. Any questions please see Alan Munford. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: As part of the festival and to show that, as the Vicar says, we are a Church that is alive and kicking, we are hoping to have a large Christmas tree (15') lit up outside from the start of Advent for the Christmas period. It will be titled the Church's tree and we hope that people in the congregation will help to sponsor it by popping a coin into the Churchwardens' box.

KNITTED CHRISTMAS TREE: At the Christmas Tree Festival, I am organising a "knitted" tree. A wooden framework will be bedecked with knitted squares to form the tree itself. The squares will subsequently be sewn together to make blankets for DENS. If members of the congregation would like to contribute to this cause, please contact Sue Horsnell for a pattern/wool. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Once again the Parish is selling a uniquely designed card where all proceeds will benefit Church Funds. We will also be offering for sale cards in aid of DENS. Do please take this opportunity to support the Church and our local community. Cards will be on sale at the Fayre, and then after the main morning services.

ARMISTICE REMEMBERED: I should like to express my sincere gratitude to all who helped us in our Remembrance Commemorations this year, marking the 100th Anniversary of the end of The Great War. Particular thanks to our flower arrangers for their stunning displays, Catherine for the *remembrance Tommies* and to the Explorer Scouts for their Poppies outside St John's. I should also like to thank the "Yarn Bombers" for decorating trees and other objects in poppies and for the *There but not there* silhouettes provided by 2nd Gadebridge Brownies. Thank you for all you endeavours.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Thank you to everyone who supported our Fayre yesterday and especially to those who organised it and contributed in so many and varied ways.