



**FLOWERS IN CHURCH:** If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers in memory of someone or for a special occasion, please get in touch with Sue Brown. Many thanks.  
Tel: 265246



**NEXT SUNDAY - 28<sup>th</sup> January – EPIPHANY 4**

Services at St John's:           8.00am Holy Communion  
  9.30am Parish Eucharist  
  3.00pm CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION PRAISE  
**No Evening Service at St John's**

Service at St Stephen's:       11.15am Holy Communion

Service at St Francis:         10.00am Sung Mass  
  6.30pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction



**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](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk)

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# NEWSLETTER

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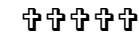
**EPIPHANY 3**  
**(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)**

**Services at St John's**

**8.00am Holy Communion**  
**9.30am Parish Eucharist**  
**Hymns– 53, 144, 171 -red book**  
**– 30, 41 yellow book**  
*Anthem: Locus Iste - Bruckner*  
**11.30am Holy Baptism**  
**6.30pm Taizé 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January**

<b>Daily:</b> 8.45am Morning Prayer	5.00pm Evening Prayer (not Saturday)
<b>MONDAY</b> 7.30pm	<b>Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9.30am	Tiny Tots – coffee, toys and service (hall & church)
2.00pm	Interment of Ashes (Gary Fulks)
6.30pm	Baptism & Wedding Enquiries (Parish Office)
7.45pm	PCC Meeting (hall 1)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> , followed by coffee
5.30pm	Evening Prayer <b>at St Francis'</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9.30am	Morning Worship <b>at St Stephen's</b>
The Conversion of St Paul	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 6.45pm	Full Choir Practice (hall)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10.00am	Coffee Morning in church
10.00am	Baptism Preparation

**Details of next Sunday's Services are on the back of the newsletter**

*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*

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:**

**those to be baptised today:** Logan Jay Tony Frost and Lexie Ann Frost

**those who are ill:** Jean Gale, Ruby Brooke, Angie Parsons, Jean Harries, Reg Farmborough, David Stevens, Christine Wilson, James Lockyer, Pam Hart, Rory Wilson, Steve Hanwell, Ann Frogley, Pauline Webb, Bob Croxford, Fiona Rock, David Jarman, Beryl King, Ruth Merry;

**those with ongoing needs:** Dorothy Freeman, Anna Gough, Margaret Gunning, Jean Stevens, Jayne Taylor, Mary Willis, Jim Taylor, David Mitchell, Jenson Galloway, Brian Laidlaw, Anne Hosier, Joyce Graham.

*Prayers for others with ongoing needs are offered at our weekday services. If you wish only to be remembered at Morning and Evening Prayer, please contact the vicar.*

### **those who have died:**

Herbert Sydney (Syd) Norris, Felden Drive (Funeral 30<sup>th</sup> January)

**and we pray for their families and friends.**

**Years mind** (21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January): Annegret Littlejohn (121.1.2013), Robert Critchley (22.1.2016), Diana Carletti (24.1.2016), Edie Picton (26.1.2014), Cedric Futcher (27.1.2015)



## **TODAY**

### **READINGS at St John's:**

Copies of today's readings (including large print) are available on request.

**O.MO. LUNCH – 12.30pm for 1** in the hall today for those who have signed up.

**Den's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** – sadly Den is unable to join us at the lunch, but we will raise a glass to her.

**Taizé Evening Service: At 6.30pm** - an informal, contemplative, and reflective Service of silence and chant to enter into God's presence. Come and see for yourself, actively listening for the voice of God.

## **THIS WEEK**

**HOLY COMMUNION WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING:** **Monday** at 7.30pm at St John's – please write names for intercession in the red folder at the back of church. Our Monday Eucharist with Prayers for Healing has now moved to every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. There will still be Prayers for Healing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every other month at 10am before the Holy Communion Service, starting in February.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION SERVICE:** 3pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Most suitable for children under 11, but all are welcome – followed by refreshments.

## **PARISH NOTICES**

**Advance notice: Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February,** 6 for 6.30 pm **hot supper** in the hall followed by a **silent film with organ accompaniment.** Tickets £10 on sale soon. See flyers in church for more information.

**SHROVE TUESDAY** – 13<sup>th</sup> February **PANCAKE PARTY** – St John's Hall at 4pm.



Games and Races (under 12) – pancakes to eat! £1 per family (of 2 children) payable on the day. Please sign up at the back of church so we know numbers for catering.

**PALM CROSSES:** Please could as many as possible return their Palm Crosses from 2017 so that they may be burned on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February and turned into Ash in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

**QUIZ NIGHT** Tickets are now on sale for the next Quiz Night on Saturday 17 February. Tickets £10 per person, which includes your supper. Book a full table of 8, or I may be able to add people together to make up teams if not sold out. See poster for details. Contact Alan Munford for tickets/more information.

**LENT COURSE – THE EUCHARIST EXPLAINED:** For most of us the Eucharist (Mass/Holy Communion) is the service we attend most/every week and is the means by which we receive from God in the Body and Blood of Christ and offer our prayers and thanksgivings. But do we really understand what is going on? During the 5 weeks of Lent come and learn more about the Eucharist and some of its hidden meanings. Seminars on Mondays and Thursdays. See Poster for details.