

St John's *this week*

Tuesday	10.30am	CW Holy Communion
	1.15pm	Little Fishers Parent & Toddler Group
	2.15pm	Tea and Chat
	8pm	Home Group (JP)
	8pm	Home Group (FW)
Wednesday	7.30pm	Firm Foundation Training Event (Brigade House, HA2 ONR)
Thursday	8pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Saturday	10.30am	Confirmation Rehearsal

The Daily Office (said in the chapel)

Morning Prayer: Tuesday (8.30am), Thursday (8.30am), Saturday (9am)
 Evening Prayer: Tuesday (4:30pm), Wednesday (5pm), Thursday (5pm)

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - MISSION STATEMENT

Drawn together by Christ's love, we seek by his grace to live out his commandments to love the Lord our God with all of our being; and to love everyone we come across as we love ourselves.

Next Sunday: 8th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

8am HOLY COMMUNION

President The Rector
 Reader John Pay

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10
 Matthew 3:1-12

10am COFIRMATION SERVICE

President Bishop of Willesden
 OT Jo Hester
 Gospel The Curate
 Sermon Bishop of Willesden
 Warden Jane Prentice

St John 1st December 2019 the Evangelist

Welcome to St John's Parish Church, Great Stanmore

We are delighted to welcome you to our church today.
 If you are visiting or new, please introduce yourself to the
 Clergy or Churchwardens.

Refreshments will be served in Church House after the Parish Communion.

Services today

8am HOLY COMMUNION
 President The Rector
 Reader Pat Hodgson

11am MATINS
 Officiant Frances Westcott

9.30am PARISH COMMUNION WITH HOLY BAPTISM
 President The Rector
 OT Edit Rees
 NT Graham Denman

11.45am HOLY COMMUNION
 President The Rector

Gospel The Curate
 Preach The Curate
 Prayers Frances Westcott
 Warden Graham Nicholson

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5 (Page 489)
 Romans 13:11-14 (Page 124)
 Matthew 24:36-44 (Page 21)

Hymns:

469 280 399 (60 117 790) Screen

10.45am INTERMENT
 Officiant Jean Orpwood

Advent Sunday (Year A Begins)

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Church is fitted with a loop system; hearing aids should be switched to 'T'

Who's who

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LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Please pray for:

Sick: Abigail, Bill, Chris, Delicia, Jenny, John, Keith, Maria, Melissa, Michelle, Paul and Ruth. **RIP:** Baby Joshua.

Prayer Ministry (for you or someone else)

is available in the Chapel during communion in the 9.30am Service. If you would like prayer at any other time, please be in touch with Matthew.

Baptism - Today

Martina Murphy will be baptised during the 9.30am service. We extend a warm welcome to Martina's family and friends.

Pat Stevens - RIP Interment of Ashes

Immediately after the 9.30am Pat's ashes will be interred in the churchyard. You are welcome to attend this short service.

United Advent Service at 5pm

Please come to the United Advent Service which is taking place at Stanmore Baptist Church this afternoon. Jonny is leading the band and Becky is preaching.

Do come and support Jonny and Becky and mark the beginning of Advent with our friends from other local churches.

Confirmation Service 8th December at 10am

We are looking forward to welcoming the Bishop of Willesden for confirmation and admission of children to communion. Please pray for: Andrea D, Andrea R, Bailee-Summer, Bethan, Chimobi, Joanne, Martha, Martina, Paul and Susie for confirmation.

Amelia, Chloe, David, Jaheim, James, Lacey, Lucia, Remi, Samuel and Ugonna for admission to communion.

Advent Prayer Tree

The tree has been set up for you to write prayers of intercession or thanksgiving and then place them on one of the branches. The tree will be by the entrance to the chapel.

Firm Foundation Meeting 4th December at 7.30pm

There is a training evening for anyone who wishes to participate in the 2020 night shelter project. The training will be held at Brigade House, Harrow, HA2 0NR. Jane Prentice is planning to attend and would be pleased of your company!

St John's School Christmas Fair 6th December (from 3.30pm)

Do go along and support our school. There will be lots of stalls with entertainment for children.

All-Age Service 15th December at 9.30am

Our next all-age service will be a Christingle. Do come wearing your Christmas jumper (or something festive!).

Altar Flowers 2020

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the flower fund during this year. The list of dates available for donations in 2020 is now at the back of the church with all salient information. Completed forms to Sheila Oliver.