

St John's

St John's Church Stanmore

5th December 2021

Tuesday	2pm	Tea and Chat Meeting in Church House
	2.30pm	Home Group (Frances') Meeting in Bushey
Wednesday	10.30am	BCP Holy Communion
	1pm	Little Fishers Parent & Toddler Group Meeting in Church House

Welcome

We are delighted to see you in church today and hope you enjoy your time with us.

If you are visiting (or new), please introduce yourself to the Clergy or Churchwardens.

Who's who

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Services today

8am HOLY COMMUNION
President Matthew Stone

Bible Readings:
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 3:1-6

9.30am ALL-AGE CHRISTINGLE
President Matthew Stone
OT Chloe
Gospel Andrea
Address Becky Stone
Laptop Jonny Rapson

Music:
Hymn: Shine, Jesus, shine
Hymn: He's got the whole world
Hymn: The Christingle Song

Our online service is available [here](#)

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.

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Please do check our website for future updates

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The Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember to pray for:

Sick - Merciditas Alvira, Antonio Bertuzzi, Norman Croft, Rachel Gaskin, Ruth Gillespie, Alison Hart, Bala Kompalli and Marion Mason.

RIP - June Bertie, Judith Day and Chris Tatton-Brown.

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of Advent

Pass the Locust, Honey.

Luke 3.1-6



You're kidding ... right!?!

All-Age Christingle (9.30am)

We are very pleased to be holding our all-age Christingle service today during which a number of the children will be taking part.

History

The custom of the Christingle began in the Moravian Church. No one knows for certain when the word "Christingle" was first used or from what it derived, but wherever the Moravians went in the great outreach of missionary evangelism in the 18th and 19th centuries, they took with them the custom of the Christingle.

Today

The Children's Society introduced it to the Church of England in 1968 and it is now a popular, much-loved occasion celebrated by many churches and schools. The various parts of the Christingle (orange, red tape, candle, wood, fruits and sweets) represent Jesus.

Support

In previous years, we usually donate the collection to support The Children's Society. As we are no longer taking collections in services, please would you consider make a donation to support the important work of The Children's Society online:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>

Christmas Afternoon Tea (3pm)

This event is taking place in Church House this afternoon. All tickets have been sold.

Online Advent Course Wednesdays (8pm)

The Advent Course (using Tom Wright's book 'Advent for Everyone') began last week and covered the theme of *encouragement*. This week's theme is *renewal*.

It is not too late to join. Please email Jonny and he will supply a Zoom link.

Church Flowers

If you would like to pay for an arrangement of altar flowers in 2022, please choose a date from the list and take a yellow form from the table near the font. Please return the form to either Sheila Oliver or the Rector. Flowers can be dedicated in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

Christmas Services 2021

19th December

5pm Nine Lessons & Carols Service

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service

11:30am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am All-Age Service