

St John's

St John the Evangelist Great Stanmore

3rd December 2023

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.

Sunday	10.30am 11am 11.15am	Christmas Choir Rehearsal (children) Christmas Choir Rehearsal (adults) Confirmation Class 3
Tuesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
	2pm	Tea & Chat
	2.30pm 8pm	Bushey Home Group Rectory Home Group
	8pm	Online Advent Course 1
Wednesday	12.30pm	Little Fishers Parent & Toddler Group
Thursday	3.30pm	Admission to Communion Class 2 (held at St John's School)
	8pm	Bell Ringing Practice (speak to Shaun)

Who's who

Rector	The Revd Matthew Stone	020 8954 3876	Email: rector@stjohnschurchstanmore.org.uk
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Parish Office (9am-1pm) Tue, Wed & Fri	Karen Stirrup	020 8954 7064	Email: parish@stjohnschurchstanmore.org.uk

Services today

8am
Priest

HOLY COMMUNION
Wendy Wall

6.30pm
Leader
Speaker

UNITED SERVICE
Matthew Stone
Andy Rider

9.30am
Priest
NT
Gospel

ALL-AGE SERVICE
Wendy Wall
Kadmiel
Jack
Address Wendy Wall
Prayers Various children
Welcome Valerie Banger
Marianne Wright
Warden Shaun Knevet

Bible Readings:
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Hymns:
97 Colours of Day
644 There is a Redeemer
280 How lovely on the mountains
Now praise the Father
(Tune 447)
499 How great thou art

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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The Church of England's online service is available [here](#)

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Advent Sunday (Year B begins)

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

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.

Please remember to pray for:

Sick - Ben Morton, Olive Oliver, John Whitfield, John Wing and Chris Woodcock.

Baptism:

Obinna and Val (adult).

Admission to Communion:

Chisom, Connor, Emma, Felix, George, Henry, Miguel, Nkiruka, Pedro and Sophia.

Confirmation:

Arthur, Chloe, David, Eva, James, Joshua, Kadmiel, Lacey, Lucia, Nkasi, Noah, Rosie, Samuel, Sarah, Tee (adult), Ugonna and Val (adult).



What is a Christingle?

The Children's Society introduced the Christingle to the Church of England in 1968 and it is now a popular, much-loved occasion celebrated by many churches and schools.

- * The orange represents the world.
- * The red tape symbolises the love and blood of Christ.
- * The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations.
- * The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Christingle 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 a Christingle with them.

Help The Children's Society

We used to take a collection to support The Children's Society. As we are no longer doing this, please would you consider making a donation online. Click [here](#):

Christmas Choir Rehearsals

10.30 Children, 11am Adults - today.

Christmas Afternoon Tea 3rd December (2.30pm)

The 80 tickets are all sold out!

United Advent Service 3rd December (6pm)

We are looking forward to welcoming friends from Culver Church, St William of York RC Church and Stanmore Baptist Church to join us for a United Service.

The speaker is the Revd Andy Rider, Dean of Mission for the Stepney Area in the Diocese of London. His talk is entitled "Follow Me."

Online Advent Course: 'From the Stable through the Grave'

Reflections on the life of Jesus, running from Advent through to Easter (8 sessions). December dates = 5th & 19th at 8pm. Please email Wendy to let her know you plan to attend and she will send the code.

Confirmation Service 10th December (10am)

Please pray for the children being admitted to communion and those being confirmed. 27 of them in total

2024 Church Flowers

If you would like to pay for an arrangement of altar flowers in 2024, please choose a date and complete one of the yellow forms.