

St John's



St John the Evangelist Great Stanmore

24th 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.

Services today

8am
Priest

HOLY COMMUNION
Wendy Wall

11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS
Priest Wendy Wall
Sermon Matthew Stone

9.30am
Priest

PARISH COMMUNION
Wendy Wall

Bible Readings:
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

OT
NT
Gospel
Sermon

Maureen Davter
Matthew Stone
Jean Orpwood
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Hymns:
400 Long Ago Prophets Knew
620 The Angel Gabriel
117 Come Thou Long Expected
313 Infant Holy
496 O Little One Sweet
612 Tell Out My Soul

Prayers
Welcome

Sue Evens
Sheila Oliver

Warden

Shaun Knevett

4pm

CRIB SERVICE

Leader
Speaker

Matthew Stone
Matthew Stone

Who's who

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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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The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

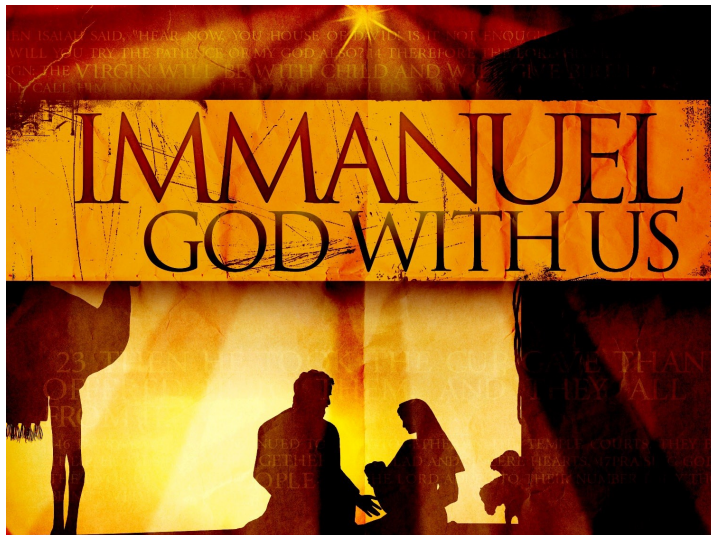
Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember to pray for:

Sick - Ben Morton, Olive Oliver, John Whitfield, John Wing and Chris Woodcock. **RIP** - Barbara Robbens and Antonia Swanwick.

Advent 4: Love (purple candle)

Lord Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws ever closer, we marvel at your great love for us. We ask that you will transform every aspect of our lives and send us out from here to share your love with others. Amen.



Church Christmas Card

As an alternative to exchanging Christmas cards between ourselves, you are invited to sign the large card which is on the table in the corner of the church.

In lieu of what you would have spent on Christmas cards, perhaps you could make a donation to support your favourite charity? Thanks to Andrea for making the card.

Christmas Bible Readings

Midnight Mass (11.30pm):

Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4 and John 1:1-14.

If you are attending Midnight Mass and would like to read or lead the prayers, please let Matthew know.

Christmas Day (10am):

Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 2:1-14.

Boxing Day

There will not be a 10.30am service as it is Boxing Day.

Sunday 31st December

No 8am Holy Communion

There will be a 9.30am Parish Communion with Café St Jean as usual.

Gigantic thanks to:

- The flower arrangers for making the church look so beautiful.
- Valerie & Gary Banger for setting up and decorating the external Christmas Tree.
- Cristian, Marta and David for setting up and decorating the internal Christmas Tree.
- The Revd Rachel Phillips for playing the organ and piano at the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.
- Philip Rees, the junior and adult choirs for their stunning music at the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.
- Frances Westcott for organising the readers and to the readers themselves for their important contribution to the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.
- The refreshments team who provided mulled wine and mince pies after the Nine Lessons and Carols Service!

St Luke's Hospice

Free Christmas Tree Recycling

A team of volunteers will pick up and recycle your real Christmas tree for free. For details and to book a collection, click on the [link](#).

Reading The Bible In A Year

Please speak to Wendy if you would like to join a group who plan to read the Bible in one year.