

St John's

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| Tuesday | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 2pm | Tea & Chat |
| | 7.30pm | Visiting Bell Ringers |
| Wednesday | 12.30pm | Little Fishers Parent & Toddler Group |
| Saturday | 3pm | Visiting Bell Ringers |
| | 4.30pm | Evensong |

Who's who

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St John the Evangelist Great Stanmore

28th January 2024

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

Bible Readings:
Malachi 3:1-5
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

9.30am
Priest

PARISH COMMUNION
Wendy Wall

OT Lorna Wyon
NT Bill Wyon
Gospel Wendy Wall
Sermon Wendy Wall
Prayers Wendy Wall
Welcome Sue Evens
Sheila Oliver
Warden Shaun Knevett

Hymns:
369 King of Glory, King of Peace
373 Lead Us Heavenly Father
428 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(omit vs. 3 & 4)
139 Faithful Vigil Ended
60 Be Still
683 To God be the Glory

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 Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Please remember to pray for:

Sick - Rose Akbar, Brenda Bostock, Mavis Deluce and Bryan Siegertz.
RIP - John Connah, Laurie Johnson and Barbara Robbins.

Church Flowers

The church flowers have been given by Jo Price in loving memory of Desiree and Deidre Baker. Always loved and missed.



What is Candlemas?

Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas and Epiphany seasons and at the same time pivots our attention towards the coming of Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

The Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus being presented by his earthly parents at the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after his birth. This was a requirement 'according to the law of Moses'.

Mary and Joseph's fulfilment of this can remind us that doing our duty and being faithful to what tradition requires of us is an important aspect of the Christian faith and life. This sense of obligation is captured well in Common Worship which says at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, 'It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places ...'.

In the temple, Mary, Joseph and Jesus are met by Simeon and then by Anna. They are prophets waiting for God to send his Messiah, his special messenger. They see Jesus but they also see so much more.

All-Age Service
4th February (9.30am)

PCC Meeting
8th February (7.30pm)

The agenda and papers will be emailed this week.

Pre-Lent Lunch

11th February (12 Noon)

Shaun Knevet and his wonderful team are kindly organising the lunch. The sign-up list is on the font (or speak to Sue, Shaun, Becky or the Parish Office). The menu choice is:

Meat Main Course

- Mince beef and vegetable pie, salad potatoes & green beans.
- Chicken and chorizo jambalaya with garlic bread.
- Jacket potato with chilli con carne and salad.

Vegetarian Main Course

- Vegetarian pie, salad potatoes and green beans.
- Mung bean curry, naan with salad (vegan option).
- Jacket potato with beans/cheese and salad.

Desserts

- Mincemeat tart with ice cream or custard.
- Fruit salad with ice cream or cream.
- Apple and sultana crumble with custard, ice cream or cream.
- Black forest gateau with ice cream.

Drinks

- Small glass of wine
- Squash
- Tea/Coffee

Tickets

Cost £6 adults, £3 children