

St John's

St John's Church Stanmore

15th December 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.

Monday	10am	Stanburn Primary School Visit
Tuesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
	2pm	Tea & Chat (with the choir from St John's School)
	8pm	Rectory Home Group
Wednesday	12.30pm	Little Fishers Parent & Toddler Group
	7pm	St John's School Carol Service
Thursday	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Friday	9am	St John's School End of Term Service

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Services today

8am
Priest

HOLY COMMUNION
Wendy Wall

Bible Readings:
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

9.30am
Priest

PARISH COMMUNION
Wendy Wall
OT Ian Mackie MBE
NT Sue Jones
Gospel Matthew Stone
Prayers Matthew Stone
Sermon Matthew Stone
Welcome Pauline Bayliss
Maga Niccol
Warden Jane Prentice

Hymns:
401 Longing for light
117 Come thou long expected
261 Here in this place (omit v2)
60 Be still for the presence
541 Peace, perfect peace is the gift
280 How Lovely on the Mountains
(omit v3)

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 Third Sunday in Advent

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Please remember to pray for:

Sick: Rose Akbar, Sheila Bond, Pauline Forsyth and Daniel Simkins.

RIP: Rachel Gaskin, Aileen Morse, Andrew Newton, Alan Robbins and Tim Smith.

Advent Wreath Prayer (Joy)

Lord Jesus, help us to focus on you during this busy season. May we remain aware of the joy you bring into our lives. Help us to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts full of gratitude to your manger on Christmas Day. Amen.

EXPECTATION
& ARRIVAL
Preparing the Way

Junior Church - Pantomime Trip

29 members of Junior Church are off to the pantomime in Radlett this afternoon to see 'Sleeping Beauty'. Victoria Ward, who comes to St John's Church, is directing the pantomime and has kindly organised the tickets for us.

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 Trees

James Funeral Service in Belmont Circle have kindly paid for our outside Christmas Tree. Our thanks to them and to Valerie and Gary Banger who have set the tree up and decorated it.

Thanks to Cristian, Marta and David who will be decorating the inside tree after the 9.30am service.

2025 Church Flowers

If you wish to sponsor an arrangement, please choose a date from the list which is on the table at the back of the church and kindly complete one of the yellow forms.

Tea & Chat - 17th December

The choir from St John's School is visiting Tea & Chat this week, and you are very welcome to come along and hear them sing!

Enter Church House for a 2pm start using the double gates (there is a doorbell low down on the left-hand gate post).

Little Fishers Christmas Party 18th December

Edit has managed to book Father Christmas to attend the Little Fishers Christmas party for babies and toddlers, which will take place between 12.30pm-2.30pm in Church House. There will be fun, food, craft, games and music. Tickets cost £2 per child and are available from Edit.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Not wanting to wish Christmas away, but it is pertinent to mention now that St Luke's Hospice will take your Christmas Tree away on 11th or 12th January 2025 for a minimum donation of £10. For details and to book click [here](#).

Christmas Lunch

Enormous thanks to the team who prepared and served the most delicious Christmas Lunch last Sunday. Sainsbury's, Bluebird Care and the Everest Abercorn kindly donated money and other items to help cover some of the cost.