

St John's

Christmas Eve	10.30am 4pm 11.30pm	BCP Holy Communion Crib Service Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10am	All-Age Communion (with Nativity)

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The Parish Office is now closed until 7th January 2024

St John's Church Stanmore

22nd 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.

Services today

8am **HOLY COMMUNION**
Priest Matthew Stone

9.30am **PARISH COMMUNION** **Bible Readings:**
Priest Matthew Stone Michal 5:2-5a
OT Carole White Hebrews 10:5-10
NT Edit Rees Luke 1:39-45
Gospel Wendy Wall

Prayers Frances Westcott
Sermon Frances Westcott
Welcome Sue Evens
Sheila Oliver
Warden Nigel Bayliss

Hymns:
565 Rejoice the Lord is King
620 The Angel Gabriel
408 Lord Jesus Christ
469 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
61 Be Still My Soul
612 Tell Out My Soul

5pm **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE**
Officiant Wendy Wall

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.

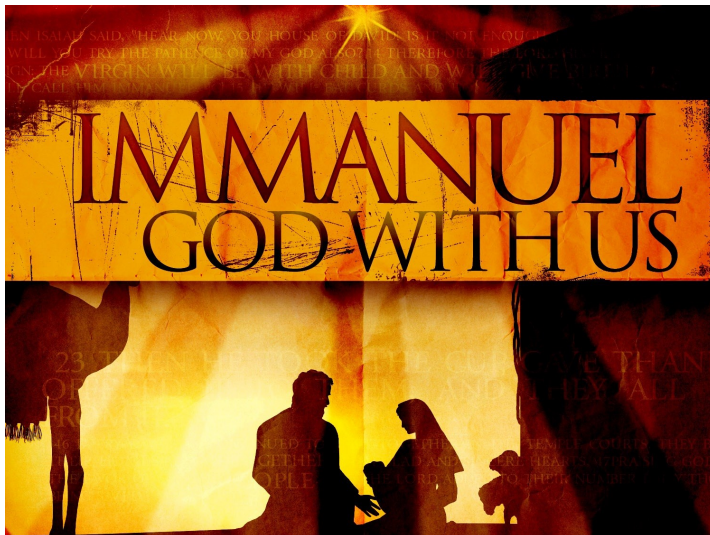
Please remember to pray for:

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

RIP: Joe Brooks, Brinley Cante, Rachel Gaskin, Aileen Morse, Andrew Newton, Alan Robbens and Tim Smith.

Advent Wreath Prayer: Love

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



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 and Hebrews 1:1-4.

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

Sunday 29th December

No 8am Holy Communion.

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

Bible in a Year Group

Fancy a challenge in 2025? Try reading the Bible in a year. One of this year's participants said: *Reading the Bible in a year has turned out to be a wonderful gift for my faith. I thought I knew the Bible, but I've learnt so much and I found it really enjoyable.* Join us next year – starting 1st January, talk to Wendy.

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, David and Joshua for setting up and decorating the internal Christmas Tree.
- Karen Stirrup for decorating Church House.
- The Revd Rachel Phillips for playing the organ and piano at the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.
- Philip Rees and the choir for all their hard work preparing for the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.
- Frances Westcott for organising the readers and to the readers themselves for the important contribution they are making to the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.
- The refreshments team, providing mulled wine and mince pies after the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.
- Junior Church for their Nativity.

Christmas Tree Recycling

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](#).