

St John's

Monday	10.10am	Stanburn School Visit (Reception)
Tuesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
	2pm	Tea & Chat (St John's School Visit)
	8pm	Rectory Home Group
Wednesday	12.30pm	Little Fishers Christmas Party
	7pm	St John's School Carol Service
Friday	9am	St John's School End of Term Service

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The Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (9am-1pm)

St John's Church Stanmore

14th December 2025

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

Rachel Phillips

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

9.30am

Priest

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Gospel

Sermon

Prayers

Prayer Min.

Laptop

Welcome

Warden

PARISH COMMUNION

Matthew Stone

Nancy Pillay-Newton

Maureen Davter

Rachel Phillips

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Sylvia Daniels

Catharine Tasker

Jon Lawford

Danny Curran

Sylvia Daniels

Graham Nicholson

Hymns:

244 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
117 Come Thou Long Expected
261 Here in this place
(omit v2)
288 I Cannot Tell
495 O Let the Son of God Enfold
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: David Bell, Sheila Bond, Mavis Deluce, Melissa Hernando, Daniel Simkin, Sam Wairimu, Beth White, John Wing and Laura.

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.

Junior Church - Today

Junior Church is taking place in Church House. Drop off 9.20am-9.30am. Some children will be rehearsing the Nativity in the small hall.

Christmas Choir Rehearsals

Children:

10.30am (after the 9.30am service)

Adults:

11:15am (after a brief café visit!)

Christmas Afternoon Tea 3pm Today

The tickets for this popular event have now sold out (sorry). Please arrive at 3pm in Church House.

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 by the font.

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.

Tea & Chat

16th December (2pm)

The amazing 'Sing Up Club' from St John's School will be visiting Tea & Chat on Tuesday 16th December to sing carols and other Christmas songs. Everyone is welcome to come and share in this annual treat. Please arrive very promptly for a 2pm start.

Christmas Trees

James Funeral Service in Belmont Circle have kindly paid for our Christmas Trees. Our thanks to them and to Valerie & Gary Banger and Karen Stirrup for decorating them.

2026 Church Flowers

If you would like to pay for an arrangement of altar flowers in 2026, 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 (with attached Gift Aid form).

Church Decorating

The flower team will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 20th December (9.30am). Do come along if you would like to help.

Christmas Services

The details are now published on our website and were emailed with the pew sheet on Friday. There are hardcopies on the table by the door.

Reading the Bible Group

Since 2024 we have had a 'reading the Bible in a year group' who have used an app with material written by Nicky and Pippa Gumbel (of HTB). The group 'meets' on WhatsApp. Why not join starting from January? Pauline Bayliss and Frederick Oshunniyi are coordinating this group and will be pleased to answer any questions.

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