

# St John's

<b>Monday</b>	1pm	Junior Church Pantomime Trip
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.30am	BCP Holy Communion
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	4pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Midnight Mass
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10am	All-Age Communion (with Nativity)

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**The Parish Office is closed until 6th January 2026.**

# St John's Church Stanmore

## 21st 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**

Matthew Stone

**9.30am**

Priest

OT/NT

**PARISH COMMUNION**

Rachel Phillips

John and Rosemary

Mackenzie-Corby

Gospel Matthew Stone

Sermon

Matthew Stone

Prayers

Matthew Stone

Prayer Min

Frederick Oshunniyi

Lorna Wyon

Laptop

Jon Lawford

Welcome

Pauline Bayliss

Maga Niccol

Warden

Graham Nicholson

**5pm**

**NINE LESSONS &  
CAROLS SERVICE**

Officiant

Matthew Stone

### **Bible Readings:**

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

### **Hymns:**

565 Rejoice the Lord is King

513 On Jordan's Bank

408 Lord Jesus Christ

469 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

61 Be Still My Soul

612 Tell Out My Soul

### **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 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

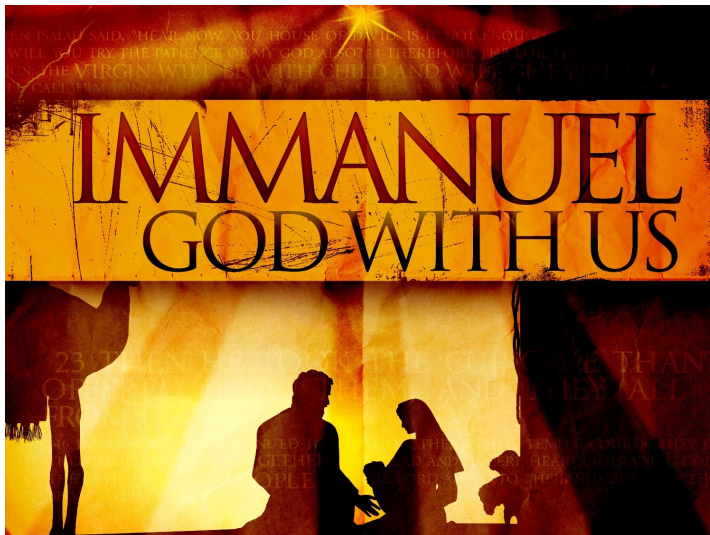
Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Please remember to pray for:

**Sick:** David Bell, Sheila Bond, Mavis Deluce, Melissa Hernando, Daniel Simkin, Beth White, John Wing and Laura.

## 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.



## Final Christmas Choir Rehearsals

Adults 3pm, Children 4.15pm

## Nine Lessons and Carols Service

The first of our Christmas Services is taking place at 5pm today. The junior and adult choirs have been working hard these past few weeks in preparation - do come and enjoy their singing. The service will include members of our church family delivering the Bible readings and a number of popular carols.

## 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.

## 2026 Church Flowers

Today is the last chance to sign up to sponsor 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).

## Christmas Trees

James Funeral Service in Belmont Circle have kindly paid for our Christmas Trees.

## 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 & Frederick Oshunniyi are coordinating this group and will be pleased to answer questions.

## Gigantic thanks to:

- The Christmas Afternoon team!
- The flower arrangers for making the church look so beautiful.
- Valerie & Gary Banger for setting up and decorating the external Christmas Tree.
- Karen Stirrup for decorating Church House and the Church Christmas Tree
- 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.
- The Nine Lessons and Carols Service readers (and Frances Westcott for rehearsing them!).
- The refreshments team, providing mulled wine and mince pies after the Nine Lessons and Carols Service.
- Junior Church for their Nativity.