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Notices for the week commencing December 7, 2025.



Sunday December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent.

8.00am Said Eucharist at St John's (3rd & 5th Sundays at Lingfield)

10.00am Sung Eucharist & Toy Service (with Little Ps Sunday Club)
Celebrant The Revd Ian Whitley

Hymns – **46** (On Jordan's bank.) **646** (God is working.) **45** (O come, O come.)
Carols for choirs 2 (The truth from above.) **75** (Long ago.)

Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10.(696) Romans 15: 4-13 (1141)
Matthew 3: 1-12 (967)

5.00pm Informal service at St John's

Today Sunday December 7 - **Toy Service** at 10.00am supporting **Stripey Stork**, a wonderful organisation that provides much-needed gifts to local families. A **Stripey Stork** flyer and the wish-list poster are available for viewing at the back of the church. Please bring a gift from the wish-list to be blessed during this service.

Sara's organ voluntaries for this Sunday morning service are: -

(Prelude)

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland - BWV699: Johann Sebastian Bach

Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein - BWV734: Johann Sebastian Bach

Gott, durch deine Güte - BWV600: Johann Sebastian Bach

2nd mvmt Largo from Trio Sonata V - BWV529: Johann Sebastian Bach

(Postlude)

1st, 2nd, and 3rd mvmts of Concerto in D minor - BWV596: Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

Monday December 8 – Next **Messy Church Christingle session**. Lots of help needed to set up, run the craft tables, and clear way after, please come and join in, starting at 3.30pm. Set up will commence at 2.30pm for tables and facilities.

MID WEEK SERVICES

10.00am Wednesday (Dec 10) Healing & Eucharist service St John's

9.00am Monday to Thursday Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81989590555?pwd=MUNnb0NwaUpUbHBiMnQzVm9wd0Q4UT09.> Passcode 149674

8.00pm Wednesday Compline on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85819135342?pwd=Tjhha0VLTvJkUjRYVvkFpWTUzMVZCUT09> for Compline passcode 126768

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent.

8.00am Said Eucharist at St John's (3rd & 5th Sundays at Lingfield)

10.00am Sung Eucharist *Celebrant The Revd Ian Whitley*

Hymns – **57** (Ye servants.) **36** (Hark the glad.) **54** (Wake, O wake.)

Choir Anthem (Gaudete.) **769** (Rejoice! the Lord is King.)

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10.(719) James 5: 7-10 (1216)
Matthew 11: 2-11 (976)

5.00pm Informal service at St John's

Thursday December 18 – '**Carol Singing in the Pubs**' our annual bashing the ears of those we can find and persuade them to part with money for **Crisis at Christmas Appeal**, <http://www.crisi.org.uk>. We will meet at the Greyhound at 6.30pm. All welcome, singer or not (preferable!).

Sunday December 21 – **A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols** at 4.30pm. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies (well it was last year!), all welcome. A service sheet will be available.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesdays – **‘Pop In’** 10.00am to 12 noon in the Miller Room. Join us for a coffee/tea and a chat.

Also, on Tuesdays - **‘Tiny Ps’** stay and play group (0-3 years old) from 10.00am to noon, during week term time. Brenda.

Saturdays – **Community Warm Hub**, will be weekly to March 9.00am to 11.00am, please speak to Ian if you are able to volunteer to assist with staffing.



The Inclusive Church logo.
We are a member of this organisation.
See our Mission Action Plan (MAP) Priority One goals on the Miller Room notice board.

OTHER INFORMATION, ALSO SEE NOTICE BOARD

Christmas Flowers - If you would like to remember a loved one at Christmas and contribute to the now considerable cost of flowers, there are envelopes at the back of church for any contribution and the name(s) to be remembered. The roll of Christmas remembrance names will be noted by the main flower arrangement.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Monday December 8 at 3.30pm	Messy Christingle
Sunday December 21 at 4.30pm	A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 at 3.00pm and 5.00pm	Boom Crib Services
Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 at 11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day at 10.00am	Family Service with Communion
Sunday December 28 at 10.00am	Parish Eucharist
Wednesday December 31 at 10.00am	New Year's Eve Healing Service

East Grinstead Food Bank – The EG Foodbank urgent needs are: - Christmas Iced Cake Bar 400g, Tomato ketchup 440g, kitchen roll, mayonnaise 400g (not jars), Christmas Cadbury Chocolate Selection box, Branston Original sweet pickle, Jacob's biscuits for cheese 300g, Nappies size 5, Long-life fruit juice (not chilled and not squash), crisps (multipack) and multi-purpose cloths (pack of 10).

For your diary - Sunday April 12, an event to raise funds for **St Catherine's Hospice**. As a follow up to our visit this week we are letting people know that an event to raise funds for the hospice will be held in the church on this date next year. Hazel, Gill and Sue.

Stir Up Sunday - made a surplus, mainly due to the Christmas Raffle, of £322.34. Big thank you to the **Lingfield Flower Club** who did amazing demonstrations and to Tor who took charge of the gingerbread icing with the children. Also all who weighed the ingredients and assisted. Sue, Gill and many others!

Pewsheets over Christmas - A single pewsheets covering the **two-week period** Sunday December 21 to Saturday January 3 will be issued on Friday December 20. Would you please let me have any applicable notices prior to, or on, Thursday December 18. Peter.

Your Safety, Fire Evacuation Procedure - In the event of fire breaking out in the Church, please follow the instructions of the duty Side-persons: -

- A warning will be given by klaxon or loud voice, please exit the building immediately through the main door in the Miller Room, or the door down steep steps in the Turton Chapel. One or both may be used dependant on the safe route.
- Go up the path leading to the village, or to the library steps, and assemble there, not by the main doors - this will ensure all people stay clear of the access routes for the emergency services.
- Wait for instructions before re-assembly in the Church.

A detailed **Fire Evacuation Procedure Plan** has been placed in the blue **Rotas file** at the back of the church. Please read and raise any questions with the Churchwardens, Side-persons, or other duty staff members.

Church Legacy Policy - Over the centuries, generous church members have left gifts to their local churches in their wills. These gifts have often helped transform their parish's mission and telling of the unfolding Christian story, as well as creating a lasting memorial for those who gave them. Leaving a gift in your will could make a real difference to the future life of your church.

Prayer Requests - Please pray for Alison Penny, Zoe Smith, Brian Bell, Barbara Bell, Jenny Holroyd, Jessica Townley, Vanessa Francis, Evelyn Smith and husband Michael Smith, Alison Irlam, Gerry Loney, Spiros Savvides, Anne Cowie, Joy and David Maitland, along with all whose names have been placed on the prayer board.

Rest in Peace - We remember Angus Rackham, Stanley Anthony, Brinly Betty, and all who have died recently. We recall Fr Robin McDowell, Noël Vervecken, Geoffrey Bowden, Wendy Roach, and all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known only to us.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets commencing Sunday December 14 should be emailed to Peter Beynon pbeynon441@outlook.com, or the Parish Office, not later than the preceding Thursday please.