



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 18th October 2026 –

Trinity 20

Today's Hymns:

Introit

394 – *O worship the Lord in beauty of
Holiness*

Offertory

516 – *Through all the changing scenes of life*

Communion

328 – *Make me a channel of your peace*

Post Communion

522 – *To God be the glory*

Collect

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Morning Prayer

9am Monday - Thursday on Zoom the link

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

Compline on Zoom

Wednesday 8pm – Link is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74615258857?pwd=QXfPyoDEbLeuxPq5sCNBcQDsfcTCgyX.1>

Meeting ID: 746 1525 8857

Passcode: compline

All Souls Service at St John's

On **Sunday 1st November at 11.30am**

A special service to remember our loved ones who have died. Please write their names on the list at the back of church so they can be read out during this service.

All are welcome - please invite your neighbours and those who you know are missing their loved ones.

One off Events

Meeting Up

All are welcome to come and join us for tea, coffee, cake and a chat on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Centenary Room/Penny's Place 10am-12noon. Next meeting is **Tuesday 20th**

October

See you there!

Live Streaming

St John's Church Dormansland 10.00am service on Sunday 18th October 2026

<https://youtube.com/live/YEsV4aPccf4?feature=share>

Video of St John's

Following our request to the community in the Village Voice, a lovely lady called George will be making a video of our beautiful church over the next few weeks, for us to put on our website.

This is for those who don't know what happens here and may be curious about what we do. More information to follow...

Christmas Market

On **Saturday 14th November St Peter & St Paul** are holding their annual Christmas Market. **Open 11am-3pm**, come along to support the local businesses selling their products. You can also enjoy a nice turkey roll and a glass of Mulled Wine! We will also be holding a raffle at 3pm! See you there!

Autumn Fair

On **Saturday 7th November**, the College of St. Barnabas are holding their Autumn Fair.

We need donations for the toiletries/jewellery stall. If you have anything at home that would be suitable for the stall, please leave in the contribution box at the back of the church. Many thanks Jackie Harrison

Dr Bike

On **Saturday 18th October, 12pm-5pm**. **Dr Bike** will be at the Old House at Home doing **FREE** bicycle checks. Dr Bike will be doing safety checks, brake and gear adjustments and give out expert advice. No need to book just turn up with your bike, Adult or child's bike – all are welcome.