



# St John the Evangelist, Dormansland Newsletter – May 2026

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## Thought for May

This week heralds the first Bubble Church service at St John's Dormansland! It is quite an historic moment – a church service on a Sunday morning aimed at helping those under the age of 8 to learn about worshipping God in a way that they can relate to.

It might surprise you to know that the service includes:

Welcome

First hymn/song

Confession

Bible story

Bible related activity

Prayers

Notices

Final Song

Dismissal liturgy



Of course the puppets help to deliver much of this and most items are interactive! I wanted to explain the format because some have expressed sadness that little children don't attend our 'real' church service at 10am on Sunday mornings. Please be assured that Bubble Church is a real church service where we can also have baptisms – and is possibly the answer to those who prefer children to be still and quiet in our usual morning Eucharistic services... which has proved to be 'mission impossible'!

It goes without saying that slotting another service in at 9am on a Sunday morning will be disruptive to our usual rhythm and we may find little tots racing out of Bubble Church when it finishes at 9.30am into the peaceful gathering of our 10am congregation; but I am also confident that, should this be the case, they will be met by welcoming, smiling faces who join with their delight and take the opportunity of meeting and greeting new faces.

So...deep breath everyone...deep prayer everyone...and let's offer up to God for his blessing, our new service which is always on the first Sunday of the month. Please pray for new faces, for the children, for this new expression of church, for the team who run it, for those who don't enjoy the change...

In fact, whatever is on your to-do list today—whether it's a sink full of dishes, endless data to enter into a spreadsheet on your desk, a lesson to teach, a dog to walk, shopping to do, or a fussy child in your arms—God sees you. He appreciates the work of your hands, but He wants you to know that your prayers are far more important. He wants you to come to Him. Not only is He the Creator that wants to commune with His created—He wants us to reap the benefits of time spent in prayer. I'm sure you don't need a list of what those benefits are. If you do...try it and find out!

### Services at St John's in May 2026

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - 8am – Said Communion, 10am – Family Communion, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May- 8am – Said Communion, 10am – Parish Communion with Sunday Smilers, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – 8am – Service of the Word, 10am – Parish Communion, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - 8am – Said Communion, 10am – Parish Communion, 5pm – Informal Worship

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 8am – Said Communion, 10am – Parish Communion, 5pm Informal Worship

## Messy Church

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May- 3:30pm



## Breakfast Hub

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 9am-11am at St Peter & St Paul, Lingfield

## Compline on Zoom

Every Wednesday at 8pm  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74615258857?pwd=QXfPyoDEbLeuxPq5sCNBcQDsITCgyX.1>  
Meeting ID: 746 1525 8857  
Passcode: compline

## Meeting Up & Warm Hub

We meet in the Centenary Room  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May. – 10am-12pm

## Wine & Wondering

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May –  
7:30pm at The Star Inn,

## Saturday Lunches

A free simple lunch is offered in St Bernard's on the last Saturday of every month from **12.30 pm**. The next one will be on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May**



## Friday Prayer

Jesus prioritised prayer in his busy life. We are setting aside an hour each Friday to pray from 4pm in St Andrews Chapel for the needs of the parish and the wider world.

## Online Home Group Gathering

Join Melinda for a contemplative-focused home group that meets every other Wednesday from 11:00am to 12:00pm on Zoom. This is a space for reflection, connection, and quiet encouragement on our journey of faith. All are welcome.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83085759497?pwd=YIUmUGGMAT8slzZNq0VbjYgZ2ivQZD.1>  
**Meeting ID:** 830 8575 9497  
**Passcode:** 57N5yU

## Home Groups

These groups meet in people's homes on a regular basis. They involve times of Bible study/or discussion, a time of prayer and mutual support. The group meets at various homes on a **Wednesday** afternoon beginning at **2:30pm**. Please see Jackie Harrison for further information.

## Bubble Church

Our first Bubble Church service will be at **9am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May!**

We are looking forward to welcoming 0–7-year-olds and their parents and carers to this wonderful, lively and enjoyable worship service which will continue at 9am on the first Sunday of each month. Please understand if this causes any disruption to our usual rhythm on a Sunday morning

## APCM

Please remember that our APCM will take place after the 10am service on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. Please stay and join us as we look back over the year 2025 with thanks to God for how he has blessed St John's during that time, as we place our plans for the future into His hands

## Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

at St John's at 2pm on 4<sup>th</sup> August. Suitable for all ages. For more details of how to book 07732 253311