



# St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 –

Advent 3

## Today's Hymns:

### Introit

*565 – Ye servants of God*

### Offertory

*98 – Come thou long expected Jesus*

### Communion

*358 – O come, O come Emmanuel*

### Post Communion

*196 - Hark a herald voice is calling*

### 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.

# Readings

## First Reading – James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

## **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

## **Online Home Group Gathering**

Join Melinda for a contemplative-focussed 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=YlUUmUGGMAT8slzZNg0VbjYgZ2ivQZD.1>

**Meeting ID:** 830 8575 9497

**Passcode:** 57N5yU





## One off Events



### **Meeting Up & Warm Hub**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 10am-12pm in the Centenary

### **Nativity Dressing Up Clothes**

Ho Ho Ho!!

At our Christmas Eve Crib Service, we are hoping to offer children who arrive, the opportunity to dress as a nativity character. For this we need costumes!

If you have any ideas, already-made costumes, or basic sewing skills, please talk to Revd Annie or Rosemary.

### **Christmas Services**

Please come and worship with us at our Christmas Services

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

8am – Said Communion,

10am – Parish Communion,

5pm – The Five Christmas Worship Party

#### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.**

10am – Parish Communion,

6:30pm – Carols by Candlelight

#### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

4pm Crib Service,

11:30pm – Midnight Mass

#### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

10am Christmas Day All Age communion

