



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 15th February 2026 –
1 before Lent

Today's Hymns:

Introit

82 – *Christ whose glory fills the skies*

Offertory

56 – *Be thou my vision*

Communion

500 – *There is a redeemer*

Post Communion

321- *Love divine, all love excelling*

Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading - 2 Peter 1:16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So, we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all, you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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.

18/2, BREAK, 11/3, 25/3, 8/4, 22/4, 6/5, 20/5, BREAK, 10/6, 24/6

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=YIUmUGGMAT8slzZNg0VbjYgZ2ivQZD.1>

Meeting ID: 830 8575 9497

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Meeting Up & Warm Hub

Tuesday 17th Feb. 10am-12pm in the Centenary Room.

Bishop Christopher

Our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Christopher is retiring this year, and the Vacancy-in-sede panel would like to know our thoughts on the following questions:

- 1. What we might hope for in our new Bishop and**
- 2. What we would like him or her to do.**

Please let me have your thoughts - Revd Annie

One off Events

Penny's Place

The new Cafe in the Centenary Room is open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 12am and 2.00pm - 4.30pm and on Saturdays 8am till 2pm. The coffee is delicious - do come along and try it!

8am Sunday Services at St John's

From January 2026 there will be an 8am service every Sunday. The third Sunday of the month will be a 'Service of the Word' hosted by Clive or Ray. Many thanks to them for their ministry.



Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday 18th February

– Joint Benefice sung service at St Peter & St Paul's Lingfield at 8pm

Ash Wednesday Service

This will be held at St John's on **Wednesday 18th February** at 11am. It will include Communion and the imposition of ashes.



Lent Lunches

On the first and last Sundays of Lent there will be a 'Lent Lunch' for all who would like to stay after the morning service for a brief reflection from Revd Annie followed by soup, bread and cheese, in the Centenary Room.

22nd February and 29th

March, 11.45am Lenten Reflection, 12 noon Lunch.

Please sign up at the back of the church to help and/or attend or speak to Kathy Cobby for more details.

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day!

St John's Church will be offering pancakes to one and all at Penny's Café (which will be open as usual) in the Centenary Room on **Shrove Tuesday 17th February, between 2pm and 4.30pm**. Donations for pancakes welcome – proceeds to a local charity. Kathy Cobby is looking for helpers to make pancakes and help with serving.

Easter Day

We are in need of donations of Easter eggs of any size for our Easter Egg hunt after the Easter Day service. Please see Revd Annie

2026

2026 holds some exciting new or different-to-usual ventures for St John's and we would love any help you can offer!

Open The Book: We are going to be taking a team into Dormansland School once or twice a term to do some Open the Book assemblies. The book being, of course, The Bible. If you would like to be part of this team, please talk to Revd Annie asap.

Bubble Church: This is a new style of children's service which will probably be in addition to our usual All Age Service, which includes puppets, Bible stories and action songs. Early days but if you would like to join the team to take this forward and join us for training, please talk to Revd Annie asap

Toddler Group: We are about to welcome a toddler group into the church, meeting in the Centenary Room on Wednesday mornings. Volunteers to help would be gratefully received. Please see Revd Annie