



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 16th November 2025 –
2 before Advent

Today's Hymns:

Introit

514 – *Thou, whose almighty word*

Offertory

128 – *Fight the good fight*

Communion

455 – *Spirit of the living God*

Post Communion

518 – *Thy hand O Lord has guided*

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

Gospel Reading – Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

November 26th

December 10th

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=YlUmUGGGMAT8slzZNg0VbjYgZ2ivQZD.1>

Meeting ID: 830 8575 9497

Passcode: 57N5yU

One off Events

Meeting Up & Warm Hub

Tuesday 18th Nov 10am-12pm in the Centenary Room.

****All Age Christingle Service****

Sunday 7th December!

Stir Up Hassle Free Christmas Fun!

Sunday 23rd November at St Peter & St Paul Church, Lingfield

Collect ingredients to make a Christmas Cake/Pudding pre order by 7th November (Fairtrade where possible)!

Christmas Wreath & Table decoration demonstrations and decorating gingerbread. Tea/Coffee & mince pies & a raffle.

Non-profit; raffle will (hopefully) pay for the church Christmas Tree. **Help needed;** to demonstrate the flowers displays (cheap & easy - this is just people watching - not making), bake gingerbread people or mince pies, be part of the weighing team Friday 21 November 1pm.

We are also looking for Christmas goodies for the raffle. This is a community event. Please help us make this a success. You can also order a cake or pudding, if you fancy. 😊

Love Gill Williams gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk (01342 833994) and Sue Ellis suebellis@outlook.com (07507 213120)

East Grinstead Handmade Christmas Market

Saturday 22nd November, 10:30am-2:30pm,
Scout Hut, 100 Moat Road, East Grinstead.
Join us for traditional crafts & festive stalls

Merry Opera Company

St Peter & St Paul are hosting this unusual production of **Handel's Messiah** on Sunday 16th November 2025 at 4.30 pm.

The twelve professional singers play characters from everyday life who find themselves in a church. Some of them carry the concept of a Messiah in their hearts, some are not religious at all. As they sing through this traditional work, they engage with each other and themselves, ultimately experiencing the transformation from need and despair to understanding and hope.

This production was created in the UK in 2011 by the **Merry Opera Company**. It has been brought back by request almost every year since. Audiences report that it gives Handel's Messiah 'new meaning', 'new invigoration'.

The Merry Opera is grateful to The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust and The Smew Fund for financial support.

Tickets (£25 for adults, £18 for under 18s plus booking fee) are available through www.merryopera.co.uk

A proportion of the proceeds will go to St Peter & St Paul Church

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.