



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 1st March 2026 –

Lent 2

Today's Hymns:

Introit

27 – Amazing Grace

Offertory

321a – Love divine, all love excelling

Communion

53 – Be Still for the presence of the Lord

Post Communion

522 – To God be the Glory

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Gospel Reading – John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You[c] must be born from above.’ The wind[e] blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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=QXfPyoDEbLeuxPq5sCNBcQDsfTCgyX.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.

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>

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Passcode: 57N5yU



**Meeting Up & Warm Hub
Tuesday 3rd & 17th March.**

10am-12pm in the
Centenary Room.

Bake Sale!

on Sunday 22nd March after
church in the Centenary
Room, in aid of St Catherine's
Hospice

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!

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.

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.



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.

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



Easter Services

Sunday 29th March - 10am Palm Sunday

Thursday 2nd April - 7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 3rd April - 2pm-4pm All Age Good Friday Stations to visit, 8pm Night Prayer

Sunday 5th April - 10am All Age Easter Day Service followed by Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard

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