



# St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 –

Lent 1

## Today's Hymns:

### Introit

422 – *Praise my soul, the King of heaven*

### Offertory

145 – *Forty days and Forty nights*

### Communion

220 – *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*

### Post Communion

55 – *Be thou my guardian and guide*

### Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Readings

## First Reading - Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on 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=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.

**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

**Passcode:** 57N5yU

**Meeting Up & Warm Hub  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

10am-12pm in the  
Centenary Room.

### Bishop Christopher

Our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Christopher is retiring this year, and the Vacancy-in-see 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!

## **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.



**Lent Lunch**

## **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