



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 23rd November 2025 –
1 before Advent

Today's Hymns:

Introit

13 – All hail the power of Jesus' name

Offertory

103 – Crown him with many crowns

Communion

500 – There is a redeemer

Post Communion

432 – Rejoice the Lord is King

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Readings

First Reading – Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading – Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

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=YlUmUGGMAT8slzZNg0VbjYgZ2ivQZD.1>

Meeting ID: 830 8575 9497

Passcode: 57N5yU

One off Events

Christmas Services

Sunday 7th Dec. - 8am – Said Communion,
10am – Christingle, 5pm – The Five

Thursday 11th Dec. – 3:30pm – Community
Christmas Crafts

Friday 12th Dec – 6pm – Christmas Tree
Lighting with Carols

Sunday 14th Dec. - 8am – Said Communion,
10am – Parish Communion, 5pm – The Five
Christmas Worship Party

Sunday 21st Dec. - 10am – Parish Communion,
6:30pm – Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 24th Dec. – 4pm Crib Service,
11:30pm – Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th Dec. – 10am Christmas Day All
Age communion

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

Sunday 7th December!

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.