



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 25th January 2026 –

Epiphany 3

Today's Hymns:

Introit

522 – To God be the Glory

Offertory

467 – Tell out my soul

Communion

461 – Such love

Post Communion

143 – Forth in the name, O Lord, I go

Collect

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading – Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 19:27-end

Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

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

4/2, 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

Passcode: 57N5yU

One off Events

Meeting Up & Warm Hub

Tuesday 3rd & 17th Feb 10am-12pm in the Centenary Room.

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.

Penny's Place

The new Cafe in the Centenary Room is open Monday to Friday 7.30am - 10am and 2.00pm - 4.30pm and on Saturdays 8am till 2pm. The coffee is delicious - do come along and try it!

Grandparents Day

Organised by SAGE and the Mothers' Union in Southwark.

14th February, 10:30am-2:30pm. St Francis' Church Hall, 84 Balcombe Road, Horley, RH6 9AY.

The session includes worship choice of workshops, crafts & keynote speakers. Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided.

For more information & to book please contact learning@southwark.anglican.org **closing date**

4th February 2026

Truth-Telling in Sacred Spaces

On Saturday 7 February 2026 from 12pm at Southwark Cathedral, marking Racial Justice Sunday with a bold and reflective programme.

Register now for FREE and be part of this vital conversation.

Choose which modules to attend by viewing

<https://buytickets.at/diocesesouthwark/1907951> Email

racial.justice@southwark.anglican.org for more information

St Barnabas

At St Barnabas, we run a small Shop for the Residents, on a Monday morning.

We work in pairs and take turns for one of us to shop afterwards at Sainsbury's and replace what has been bought. This is simply entered into a ledger and is very straightforward.

Please consider joining our small team of volunteers. It is a real pleasure to give this service to residents who cannot travel to the town to buy food and other small items.

If you feel you can commit a Monday morning approximately once a month, please phone Christina on 07733 484662, for further details. Thank you!

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: From January we will be welcoming a toddler group into the church. Most likely it will meet on a Wednesday morning once the Cafe has stopped trading. Volunteers to help would be gratefully received. Please see Revd Annie.