



# **St John the Evangelist, Dormansland**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 –

Advent 2 / All Age Christingle

## **Today's Hymns:**

**Please see the Service Sheet for today's Hymns**

## **Collect**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

# Readings

## First Reading – Romans 15:4-13

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews[a] on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name." Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him." And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.' "

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with[d] the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

## **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. The next meeting is Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** 10am-12pm in the Centenary Room.

### **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.