



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 8th February 2026 –
2 before Lent

Today's Hymns:

Introit

158 – Glorious things of Thee are spoken

Offertory

235 – I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Communion

211 – Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord

Post Communion

456 – Stand up and bless the Lord

Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading – Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 6:25-end

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Morning Prayer

9am Monday - Thursday on Zoom the link

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BiMnQzVm9wd0Q4UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81989590555?pwd=MUNnb0NwaUpUbHBiMnQzVm9wd0Q4UT09) Passcode 149674

Compline on Zoom

Wednesday 8pm – Link is:

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CNBcQDsTCgYX.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74615258857?pwd=QXfPyoDEbLeuxPq5sCNBcQDsTCgYX.1)

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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.

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.

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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

Funeral

Barry Corbett's funeral is on **Friday 13th February** at 11am at St John's

Meeting Up & Warm Hub

Tuesday 3rd & 17th Feb.

10am-12pm in the Centenary Room.

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!

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday 18th February

– Joint Benefice sung service at St Peter & St Paul's Lingfield at 8pm



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.



Ash Wednesday Service

This will be held at St John's on **Wednesday 18th February** at 11am. It will include Communion and the imposition of ashes.



Choral Evensong for Candlemass
Sunday 8th February – traditional service of hymns, anthems and readings, including the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Charles Wood.

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day!

St John's Church will be offering pancakes to one and all at Penny's Café (which will be open as usual) in the Centenary Room on **Shrove Tuesday 17th February, between 2pm and 4.30pm**. Donations for pancakes welcome – proceeds to a local charity. Kathy Cobby is looking for helpers to make pancakes and help with serving.

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: 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