



# St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 –

Lent 3

## Today's Hymns:

### Introit

212 – *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

### Offertory

261 – *Jesus, lover of my soul*

### Communion

318 – *Lord, thy word abideth*

### Post Communion

393 – *O worship the King, all glorious above*

### Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings

### First Reading – Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation

### Gospel Reading – John 4:5-42

So, he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

## 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.

**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=YIUmUGGMAT8slzZNq0VbjYgZ2ivQZD.1>

**Meeting ID:** 830 8575 9497

**Passcode:** 57N5yU

### Bake Sale!

on Sunday 22nd March after church in the Centenary Room, in aid of St Catherine's Hospice

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

10am-12pm in the Centenary Room.

### Pink Ribbon Walk for Breast Cancer !

**18th April**

Tracy Roberts and Roz Daly aka "Team Pink Warriors " are walking to raise money for Breast Cancer Now to say thank you for our successful treatment.

We would love to help and support this great charity, please consider donating if you can. A Sponsorship form is available at the back of church, or you can donate online at [www.justgiving.com/team/rosalind-daly-5?](http://www.justgiving.com/team/rosalind-daly-5?)

# 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.

**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.



## **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