



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 9th November 2025 –
3 before Advent

Today's Hymns: On Service Sheet

O God our Help

I Vow to Thee my Country

Lord For the Years

National Anthem

Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading – Romans 8:31 to end

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading – John 15: 12-17

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

November 12th

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

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One off Events

Meeting Up & Warm Hub

Tuesday 4th & 18th Nov
10am-12pm in the
Centenary Room.

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

Sunday 7th December!

Christmas Market

Saturday 15th November from 11.00am to
3.00pm, at St Peter & St Paul Church.
Refreshments, gifts, raffle and much more.
Do come and join us, for a lovely day of
shopping then relax with some
refreshments before the raffle at 2:30pm.

If you can help at all on the day or
donate a cake or gift for the raffle then
please let us know, thanks Ellie & Kay.

Stir Up Hassle Free Christmas Fun!

Sunday 23rd November at St Peter & St Paul Church,
Lingfield

Would you like to make a "hassle – free" Mary Berry
Christmas Cake and/or Christmas pudding with
Fairtrade ingredients where available?

Collect your kit on Stir-Up Sunday, 23rd November
between midday and 2pm from St Peter and St Paul
Church Lingfield. Enjoy a mince pie and a drink,
watch a demonstrator make a door wreath and
simple table decoration, bring the children to ice
gingerbread and support the raffle which will fund
the church Christmas tree. The kits are costed not to
make a profit. Full recipe enclosed.

Merry Opera Company

St Peter & St Paul are hosting this unusual
production of **Handel's Messiah** on Sunday
16th November 2025 at 4.30 pm.

The twelve professional singers play
characters from everyday life who find
themselves in a church. Some of them carry
the concept of a Messiah in their hearts,
some are not religious at all. As they sing
through this traditional work, they engage
with each other and themselves, ultimately
experiencing the transformation from need
and despair to understanding and hope.

This production was created in the UK in 2011
by the **Merry Opera Company**. It has been
brought back by request almost every year
since. Audiences report that it gives Handel's
Messiah 'new meaning', 'new invigoration'.

The Merry Opera is grateful to The D'Oyly
Carte Charitable Trust and The Smew Fund for
financial support.

Tickets (£25 for adults, £18 for under 18s plus
booking fee) are available through
www.merryopera.co.uk

A proportion of the proceeds will go to St
Peter & St Paul Church