



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 12th July 2026 – Trinity 6

Today's Hymns:

Introit

337 – *Morning has broken*

Offertory

137 – *For the beauty of the earth*

Communion

138 – *For the fruit of His creation*

Post Communion

522 – *To God be the glory*

Collect - Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear." "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Sunday 19th July 2026 – Trinity 7

Today's Hymns:

Introit

277 – *Jesus shall reign where'er the Sun*

Offertory

473 – *The Church's one foundation*

Communion

39 – *As the deer*

Post Communion

564 – *Ye holy angels bright*

Collect - Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

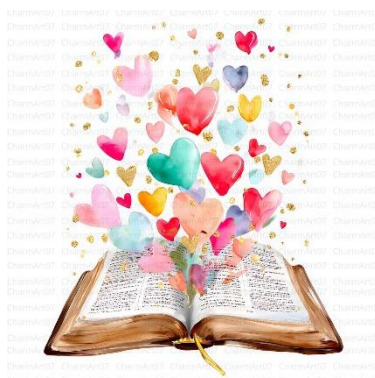
First Reading - Romans 8:12-15

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!”

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin[h] and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!



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



One off Events

Meeting Up

All are welcome to come and join us for tea, coffee, cake and a chat on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Centenary Room/Penny's Place 10am-12noon. Next meeting is **Tuesday 21st July**
See you there!

Hymns and Pimm's

Sunday 26th July at 2pm

All are invited to an afternoon of singing and sipping as we join together at Felcourt Farm in the Dutch Barn.

Refreshments, calf cuddling and possible tractor rides also included! Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to attend this event so we can have numbers for catering

Rhythm of Sunday Services

It is proposed to change the rhythm of our 10am Sunday services at St John's from July onwards. Please speak to Revd Annie with questions.

1st Sunday of month –

Communion Service

2nd Sunday of month – All Age Service (led with children doing readings, welcoming, prayers etc)

3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday of month – Communion Service

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

at St John's at **2pm on 4th August**.

Suitable for all ages. For more details of how to book 07732 253311

Mothers' Union

150th Anniversary: HOPE Day at Lambeth Palace.

Mother's Union have been accepted by Lambeth Palace to host one of their charity 'HOPE Open Days' they hold over the summer. **Our HOPE Open Day will be Friday 31st July from 12-4pm.**

Lambeth Palace Heritage Open Palace Experience (HOPE) Days offer a rare opportunity to explore the historic home of the Archbishops of Canterbury, a place of faith, hospitality, and service for over 800 years. Funds from ticket sales go to key charities and we with the London MU Diocese are one of them for 2026

We now have an Eventbrite site for tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lambeth-palace-hope-open-day-tickets-1987683690425?aff=oddtcreator>

The tickets are £12 for adults. Carers and children under 12 are free but still need to book a free ticket. The entry times are in 15 mins slots, and you have an hour inside to explore the Palace. This is to prevent overcrowding.