St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 15th November 2026 –

2 before Advent

Today's Hymns:

Introit

514 – Thou, whose almighty word

Offertory

106 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Communion

566 – Ye servants of the Lord

Post Communion

55 – Be thou my guardian and my guide

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:14-30

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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

Christmas Services

Sun 6th December - 9am Bubble Church.
Fri 11th December - 6.00pm Lighting of the Christmas Tree with carols, hot chocolate and a special guest (Ho, ho, ho!)
Sun 13th December - 10am Christingle Service
Sun 20th December - 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Thurs 24th December - 4pm Christmas Eve Nativity Service with Christmas carols. Children are invited to come dressed as a nativity character
Thurs 24th December - 11.30pm Midnight Communion Service
Fri 25th December - 10am Christmas Day All Age Communion Service



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 **Tuesday17th November**
See you there!

Live Streaming

St John's Church Dormansland 10.00am service Sunday15 November 2026
https://youtube.com/live/EZ58dbL3N_k?feature=share

Trevor Crowhurst

Trevor Crowhurst's funeral is at St Peter & St Paul Church on Tuesday 1st December at 11am.



Homemade Jam

In the Centenary Room there are some delicious homemade mixed fruit jams for sale.
£4 each, for the church funds, cash or card, please help yourself

St John's and The Old House at Home

Thanks to grant funding, our joint team of St John's and the Old House at Home are pleased to offer a free Christmas lunch at the pub for 15 people on **Thursday 3rd December.**
If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church asap!

