



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 16th August 2026 –

Trinity 11

Today's Hymns:

Introit

551 – When morning gilds the skies

Offertory

56 – Be thou my vision

Communion

220 – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Post Communion

26 – Alleluia sing to Jesus

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings

First Reading – Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

Note from Revd Annie

I am away at my sons in Canada for the next three weeks so if you have any problems or queries, please see either Ray or Helen our Churchwardens, or Revd Ian.

Looking forward to seeing you all again on my return on 6th September!

Blessings Annie



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 18th August**
See you there!

Live Streaming

St John's Church Dormansland 10.00am
service Sunday 16th August

<https://youtube.com/live/JWnnPJQ-Hug>

Quiz & Fizz

On **Saturday 26th September**, St John's are hosting an evening of quiz, fizz & pizza!
Arrive at **6:30pm** for quiz to start at **7pm**.

Teams of 6, £10 per person (includes pizza). BYOB!

MUST book in advance at
vicar.dormansland@gmail.com

Pet Blessing Service Sunday 13th September at 10am!

Bring your pet to be blessed!



Blessing of
the Animals



Toy Swap

Saturday 10th August, 10:30am-12:30pm, at Dormansland War Memorial Hall. Bring your clean and complete preloved games and toys & take home a 'new to you' toy. Refreshments available.



Christmas Market

On **Saturday 14th November** **St Peter & St Paul** are holding their annual Christmas Market. Open 11am-3pm, come along to support the local businesses selling their products. You can also enjoy a nice turkey roll and a glass of Mulled Wine! We will also be holding a raffle at 3pm! See you there!