



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 20th September 2026 –

Trinity 16

Today's Hymns:

Introit

193 – Hail to the Lord's anointed

Offertory

285 – Judge eternal throned in splendour

Communion

73 – Brother, Sister, let me serve you

Post Communion

188 – Guide me O thou great redeemer

Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading – Philippians 1:21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

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

Pet Service Photographs



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 6th & 20th October**
See you there!

Toy Swap

Saturday 10th October, 10:30am-12:30pm, at Dormansland War Memorial Hall.

If anyone has good quality clean toys they would like to donate for the Toy Swap, please leave at the back of St John's church or email Rosemary at rwilliams2013@icloud.com
Refreshments available.

Harvest Lunch

This year our Harvest Service and lunch is taking place on Sunday 11th October.

Live Streaming

St John's Church Dormansland 10.00am service Sunday 20th September 2026
https://youtube.com/live/u_wnJ6k2DQo?feature=share

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

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!

Love in a Box

Local churches and schools have been part of this scheme for over 25 years i.e. covering a shoebox in Christmas wrapping paper and filling it with goodies for children living in poverty or war zones in Eastern Europe. This year we have a new "umbrella" organisation - Teams4u and Home boxes for families can also be completed too. Leaflets are available at the back of Church and any enquiries may be directed to Susan Joy 07821379064 or email SusanJoy471@hotmail.com If you feel you cannot complete a whole box, then financial donations are welcome, or maybe you would like to contribute one or two specific items e.g. gloves, hats, scarves, sweets, soap, pens, notebooks, stickers or toothpaste. Please have your boxes ready by Harvest Sunday 11th October - if possible. <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>