St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 22nd November 2026 –

Sundy before Advent/Christ the King

Today's Hymns:

Introit

13 All hail the power of Jesus' name

Offertory

103 – Crown him with many crowns

Communion

500 There is a redeemer

Post Communion

432 – Rejoice the Lord is King

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Readings

First Reading – Ephesians 1:15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love[h] toward all the saints, and for this reason. I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25: 31-end

When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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 **Tuesday 1st & 15th December**
See you there!

Live Streaming

St John's Church Dormansland 10.00am service Sunday 22 November 2026
https://youtube.com/live/lMnJbpr5g54?feature=share

Trevor Crowhurst

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

Sakura Japanese Cherry Tree

We have been donated by The Sakura Japanese Cherry Tree Project 6 trees for planting this November on the **Lingfield Nature Reserve**. They will be planted by volunteers next to the community orchard on **Sunday 29th November** at 10:30am. Afterwards, join us for organic elderberry cordial or warm mulled wine and nibbles in the gazebo by the Hornbeam Arbour. If you would like to come along to help, watch or enjoy the special moment please Email Elaine elaine023@gmail.com

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!



Christmas Cookies.

For the Lighting of the Christmas Tree on Friday 11th December, we would be grateful for donations of decorated Christmas cookies. If you feel able to contribute some please let Kathy Cobby know
kathybc78@gmail.com

