



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 26th July 2026 –

Trinity 8

Baptism of Noah Magnus Wilkinson



Today's Hymns:

Introit

422 – *Praise my soul the King of heaven*

Offertory

90 – *Come down O love divine*

Communion

62 – *Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine*

Post Communion

153 – *Give me joy in my heart*

Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading – Romans 8:26-end

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Morning Prayer

9am Monday - Thursday on Zoom the link

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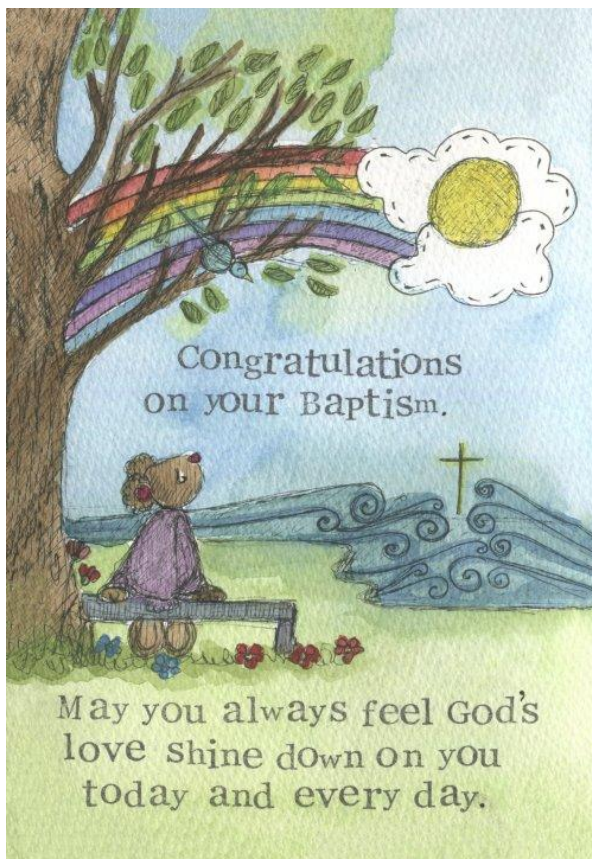
Compline on Zoom

Wednesday 8pm – Link is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74615258857?pwd=QXfPyoDEbLeuxPq5sCNBcQDsfcTCgyX.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 4th & 18th August**

See you there!

Bubble Church

Sunday 2nd August at 9am

We are looking forward to welcoming 0-7-year-olds and their parents and carers to this wonderful, lively and enjoyable worship service which will continue at 9am on the first Sunday of each month. Please understand if this causes any disruption to our usual rhythm on a Sunday morning

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

Hymns and Pimm's

Sunday 26th July at 2.30pm

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

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.