



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 27th September 2026 –

Trinity 17

Today's Hymns:

Introit

514 – Thou whose almighty word

Offertory

103a – Crown him with many crowns

Communion

437 – Rock of ages

Post Communion

532 – We have a Gospel to proclaim

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading – Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

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/>

Assemblies at Dormansland Primary School

We have begun our series of assemblies at Dormansland Primary School with a very well-received presentation to the whole school last Monday of the story of David and Goliath. The pupils took part in acting out the story, but this was the costume that Revd Ian wore in his role as Goliath!



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!

Live Streaming

St John's Dormansland 10.00am service
Sunday 27 September 2026
<https://youtube.com/live/akZLvHh-OEM?feature=share>

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.

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!

Ink Cartridge

Rosemary Williams has ordered the wrong ink cartridges! If anyone can use 305 HP black and colour. Just email rwilliams2013@icloud.com

Harvest Lunch

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

Dr Bike

On **Saturday 18th October, 12pm-5pm**. **Dr Bike** will be at the Old House at Home doing **FREE** bicycle checks. Dr Bike will be doing safety checks, brake and gear adjustments and give out expert advice. No need to book just turn up with your bike, Adult or child's bike – all are welcome.

Video of St John's

Following our request to the community in the Village Voice, a lovely lady called George will be making a video of our beautiful church over the next few weeks, for us to put on our website.
This is for those who don't know what happens here and may be curious about what we do. More information to follow...