



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Sunday 4th October 2026 –

Trinity 18

Today's Hymns:

Introit

393 – *O worship the King, all glorious above*

Offertory

346 – *My song is love unknown*

Communion

3 – *A man there lived in Galilee*

Post Communion

426 – *Praise to the holiest in the height*

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

First Reading – Philippians 3:4b-14

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:33-end

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

All Souls Service at St John's

At **11.30am on Sunday 1st November St John's** will be holding a service to remember loved ones who have made it to heaven before us.

This will be a special service for the community of Dormansland when names of those we wish to remember will be read out during the service. Please either email vicar.dormansland@gmail.com or write names on the list at the back of church.

Air Ambulance Fundraiser

On **Sunday 11th October at Lingfield Farmer's Market**. The air ambulance is a service we all hope we'll never need, but one that can save our lives if we do. Your help in bringing the community together to support it would mean a great deal. You can find more details here:

<https://www.lingfieldfarmersmarket.co.uk/air-ambulancefundraiser>

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 on Sunday 4th October 2026
<https://youtube.com/live/DyOslC7a7Go?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. Please add your name to the list if you would like to join us.

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...