



Sunday 10th December 2017 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

St John's welcomes all so that together we may:

- Worship God
- Reflect His glory and be his presence in the world
- Grow in grace and understanding
- Care for all by acting as a focus for community
- Bring others to accept Jesus as Lord

Services Today

10am All Age Service
4pm Messy Christmas

Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11 **p581**
2 Peter 3:8-15a **p988**
Mark 1:1-8 **p812**

What's On This Week:

Mon:	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12-1pm	Advent Course in church (please bring your lunch)
Tues:	12pm	Funeral for the Late Bill Ellington
	2pm	PIPS – pre-school fun learning about Jesus
	3.30pm	SPARKS after school club in church
Wed:	9.30am	Informal Holy Communion – all welcome
	10.30-11.45am	Coffee Morning
	1pm	OOPs- pre-school fun in the parish hall.
	12 to 12.30pm	Meet at Parkmore hotel for Mother's Union lunch
	4pm	Carol singing at Sunningdale shops.
Fri.	3.15pm	Lighthouse After School Club
	4pm	Carol singing at Orchard shops
Sun	8am	Service of Holy Communion
	10am	Parish Communion
	6pm	Carols by candlelight

Our offering will be taken up as part of our worship during the second hymn.

New to St John's? Welcome!

Please feel free to sit anywhere in church, if you have children they are welcome to stay in church with you or go out to 'SPARKS' children's activities after the first hymn. There are young children's toys at the back of church. Or you can get a bag of toys from the welcome team. Please join us for coffee after the service and look out for our information leaflets. If you need any further help please speak to a member of our welcome team.

The Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when you Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and God.

For our prayers this week:

- Pray for peace in Jerusalem and wisdom for politicians trying to influence the situation there.
- Pray for safety for children receiving Christmas gifts and that dangerous counterfeits would be detected and banned.
- Pray for our carol singing events as we serve our community this week
- Pray for the family of the late Bill Ellington whose funeral is on Tuesday.
- Give thanks for the PIPs, OOPs and SPARKS teams and their commitment to our children.
- Pray for Sylvia leading various school assemblies these two weeks.
- Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: for health, healing and wholeness: Bob & Lil Johnson, Pauline Turner, Ann Cooper, Mary Cook, Gill McCarthy, Wilma Taylor and for those whose suffering is known only to God.

Future Dates:

Wednesday 20th December 7pm: St John's Christmas Party at the Pot & Glass. Tickets £10 to include Christmas buffet. See Jayne Craig or Sylvia for tickets

Sunday 24th 4pm: Crib Service, **11pm:** Midnight Holy Communion

Monday 25th 10am: Joint service of Holy Communion for Christmas. (no 8am service that day).

Gluten free wafers are available at communion. Please let a church officer know before the service if you need one.

Large print editions of the service book hymns are available.

Please ask a welcomer or churchwarden

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Monday 11th December	Tuesday 12th December	Wed. 13th December
Psalm 44 , or 27, 30 Isaiah 30:1-18 Matthew 14:1-12	Psalm 56 , 57 or 32, 36 Isaiah 30:19-end Matthew 14: 13-end	Psalm 62 , 63, or 34 Isaiah 31 Matthew 15:1-20
Thurs. 14th December	Friday 15th December	Sat. 16th December
Psalm 53, 54 , 60 or 37 Isaiah 32 Matthew 15:21-28	Psalm 85, 86 or 31 Isaiah 33:1-22 Matthew 15:29-end	Psalm 145 or 41, 42 , 43 Isaiah 35 Matthew 16:1-12