



Sunday 17th December 2017 (3rd 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

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
6pm Carols by candlelight

Readings

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 **p603**
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 **p961**
John 1: 6-8, 19-28 **p862**

What's On This Week:

Mon:	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	12-1pm	Advent Course in church
Tues:	9.30am	Early years Christmas presentation in church
	2pm	PIPS – Christmas Party
Wed:	9.30am	Informal Holy Communion – all welcome
	10.30-11.45am	Coffee Morning
	1pm	OOPs- pre-school fun in the parish hall.
	2.30pm	Y4 Christingle in church
Fri.	2.30pm	Y5/6 Christmas service in church
	3.15pm	Lighthouse After School Club
	3.30pm	Music practice in church
Sun	8am	Service of Holy Communion
	10am	Parish Communion
	4pm	Crib Service
	11pm	Midnight Communion

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

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our prayers this week:

- Give thanks and pray God's blessing on all who make the church look so beautiful for Christmas and other celebrations throughout the year.
- Pray for all who give their time to help those who are lonely or in need especially during Christmas time.
- Pray for those who will be separated from their loved ones at Christmas.
- Pray for all affected by the recent bad weather.
- Pray for the NHS and emergency services over the festive period.
- Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: for health, healing and wholeness: Pauline Turner, Ann Cooper, 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 18th December	Tuesday 19th December	Wed. 20th December
Psalm 40 or 44 Isaiah 38:1-8,21-22 Matthew 16:13-end	Psalm 144, 146 Isaiah 38: 9-20 Matthew 17:1-13	Psalm 46, 95 Isaiah 39 Matthew 17:14-21
Thurs. 21st December	Friday 22nd December	Sat. 23rd December
Psalm 121, 122, 123 Zephaniah 1:1-2:3 Matthew 17:22-end	Psalm 124, 125, 126, 127 Zephaniah 3:1-13 Matthew 18:1-20	Psalm 128, 129, 130, 131 Zephaniah 3:14-end Matthew 18:1-12

**Sunday 24th December 2017 (4th Sunday of Advent)
Christmas Eve**



Services Today

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
4pm Crib Service
11pm Midnight Holy Communion

Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-11, 16 **p245**
 Acts 13:16-26 **p897**
 John 1: 6-8, 19-28 **p862**

**What's on this week
Happy Christmas!**

Monday 25th 10am: Joint Christmas Celebration of Holy Communion

Readings today:

Isaiah 9:2-7
 Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2: 1-14

Collect for Christmas Day: Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and eternal God.

There are no further activities on week days during this week.

Monday 25th December <i>Christmas Night (principal feast)</i>	Tuesday 26th December <i>Stephen, deacon, first martyr (festival)</i>	Wed. 27th December <i>John, Apostle & Evangelist (festival)</i>
Psalm 110 , 117 Isaiah 62:1-5 Matthew 1:18-end	Psalm 13 , 31:1-8, 150 Jeremiah 26:12-15 Acts 6	Psalm 21 , 147:13-end Exodus 33:12-end 1 John 2:1-11
Thurs. 28th December <i>The Holy Innocents (festival)</i>	Friday 29th December <i>Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr</i>	Sat. 30th December
Psalm 36 , 146 Genesis 37: 13-20 Matthew 18:1-10	Psalm 19 , 20 Jonah 1 Colossians 1:1-14	Psalm 111, 112, 113 Jonah 2 Colossians 1:15-23

Sunday 31st December

1st Sunday of Christmas

Services Today

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion

Readings

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 **p604**
Galatians 4:4-7 **p948**
Luke 2:15-21 **p833**

What's on this week

Tuesday	12-2pm	Friendship lunch in Parish hall (simple cold buffet) No PIPs today
Wednesday	9.30am	Informal Holy Communion
	10.30-11-45	Coffee morning No OOPS today
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	All Age Service
	12pm	Baptism Service

Collect for 1st Sunday of Christmas: God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For our prayers this week

- Pray for a peaceful 2018
- Pray for us as a church to grow in faith and knowledge of God.
- Pray for the leaders of the nations to be people of peace who seek the best for all people in their own lands.
- Pray for those who suffer in body mind or spirit: for health, healing and wholeness: Pauline Turner, Ann Cooper, Gill McCarthy, Wilma Taylor and for those whose suffering is known only to God.

Monday 1 st January	Tuesday 2 nd January	Wed. 3 rd January
<i>Naming & circumcision of Jesus</i>		
Psalm 103 , 150 Genesis 17:1-13 Romans 2: 17-end	Psalm 18:1-30 Ruth 1 Colossians 2:8-end	Psalm 127 , 128, 131 Ruth 2 Colossians 3:1-11
Thurs. 4 th January	Friday 5 th January	Sat. 6 th January
Psalm 89:1-37 Ruth 3 Colossians 3:12-4:1	Psalm 8, 48 Ruth 4:1-17 Colossians 4:2-end	Psalm 99 , 147:1-12 Jeremiah 23:1-8 Matthew 20:1-16