

St John's

Tuesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
	2pm	Tea & Chat
	8pm	Online Advent Course - Session 2
Wednesday	9.30am	St John's School End of Term Service
	12.30pm	Little Fishers Parent & Toddler Group
Thursday	4pm	Junior Church Pantomime Trip (meet at Radlett Theatre)
Friday	11am	Little Fishers Arts & Crafts

Who's who

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St John the Evangelist

Great Stanmore

17th December 2023

Welcome

We are delighted to see you in church today and hope you enjoy your time with us.

If you are visiting (or new), please introduce yourself to the Clergy or Churchwardens.

Services today

8am
Priest

HOLY COMMUNION
Wendy Wall

5pm

**NINE LESSONS
& CAROLS SERVICE**
Officiant Wendy Wall

9.30am
Priest

PARISH COMMUNION
Wendy Wall
OT Nancy Pillay-Newton
NT Carole White
Gospel Lydia McLean
Sermon Lydia McLean
Prayers Lydia McLean
Welcome Nigel & Pauline
Bayliss
Warden Jane Prentice

Bible Readings:

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

Hymns:

416 Shine, Jesus, shine
401 Lord of All Hopefulness
495 O let the son of God
384 Let us praise God together
652 The spirit lives to set us free

11.15am
Priest

HOLY BAPTISM
Andrew Cooper

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - MISSION STATEMENT

Drawn together by Christ's love, we seek by his grace to live out his commandments to love the Lord our God with all of our being; and to love everyone we come across as we love ourselves.

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The Church of England's online service is available [here](#)

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The Third Sunday in Advent

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of 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. Amen.

Post Communion

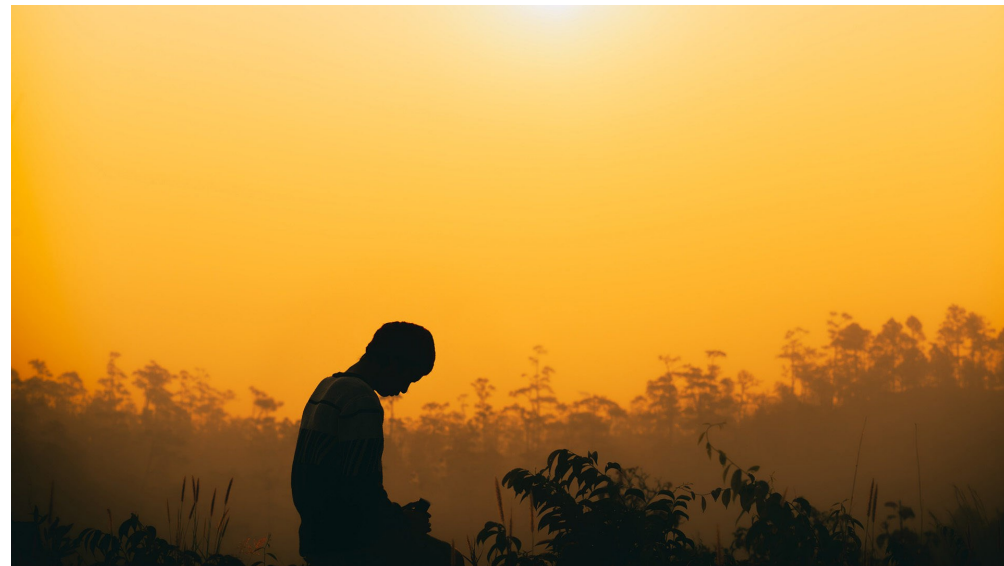
We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Please remember to pray for:

Sick - Ben Morton, Olive Oliver, John Whitfield, John Wing and Chris Woodcock. **RIP** - Richard Adams.

Advent 3: Joy (pink candle)

Lord Jesus, help us to focus on you during this busy season as we prepare to celebrate your birth. May we remain aware of the joy you bring into our lives. Help us to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts full of gratitude to your manger on Christmas Day. Amen.



Today at St John's Church

We have rather a lot going on today!

As well as the usual 8am and 9.30am services, Junior Church will be rehearsing their (slightly contemporary) Nativity in Church House. Parents to drop off by 9.30am.

Matthew is taking the morning service at St Anselm's Belmont, as they are now in vacancy following the recent retirement of their vicar.

We welcome the baptism family who are visiting from the USA. Isla Goss will be baptised by a family friend, Revd Andrew Cooper at 11.15am.

We also have our wonderful Nine Lessons and Carols Service at 5pm. Thank you to Philip, the junior and adult choirs who have been busy rehearsing in recent weeks.

Final Rehearsals:

10.30am & 4pm = children
2.45pm for 3pm = adults

Church Christmas Card

As an alternative to exchanging Christmas cards between ourselves, you are invited to sign the large card which is on the table in the corner of the church.

In lieu of what you would have spent on Christmas cards, perhaps you could make a donation to support your favourite charity? Thanks to Andrea for making the card.

Online Advent Course:

'From the Stable thro' the Grave'
Reflections on the life of Jesus, running from Advent through to Easter (8 sessions). The next session is on Zoom on 19th December at 8pm. A chance to stop and reflect in the busyness of Christmas.

Please email Wendy if you would like to attend and she will send the code.

Little Fishers Parent & Toddlers Arts & Crafts

22nd December (11am-2pm)

As well as the usual session on Wednesday afternoon, there is an extra get-together on Friday where the children will have a chance to make some Christmas decorations and have even more fun!

Enter Church House via the double gates using the doorbell on the left-hand gatepost.

New Area Dean of Harrow

Matthew has accepted the Bishop of Willesden's invitation to become the next Area Dean of Harrow from January 2024.

As well as remaining Rector of St John's he will: provide care to parishes in vacancy, convene the clergy chapter meetings, support the clergy and be a communication link between the Bishop and the deanery parishes. Please pray for him...!