



Sunday 16th November – Sunday 23rd November

This Sunday
HOLY COMMUNION
2nd before Advent
Theme: How to Live Now

Lectionary Readings

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

8am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Chris Powne

Supported by Sarah L

9am Croissant Breakfast

Join us following the 8am service for fresh croissants and tea/coffee, prepared by Mel, Marion, Pam, Jill and Jan.

10 am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Rev Sarah Baker

Welcoming: Mel & Valerie

Prayers: Graham D

Readers: Graham M

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Mel & Mary

Refreshments: Bob & Donna

Next Sunday, 23rd November
CHRIST THE KING
Sunday before Advent
MORNING WORSHIP
Theme: King of the Turning World

Lectionary Readings

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23:33-43

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev Clare Challis

Preacher: Rev Neil Smart

Rev Neil is Associate Vicar at St Jude's Church, Southsea, and became Portsmouth Diocese's first Lead for Revive earlier this year. This role helps those in spiritual leadership in our Diocese to have faith that is vibrant, growing, deep, and attractive and is part of a strategy aiming to Revive, Revitalise and Renew the Church where we live.

10am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Rev Clare Challis

Welcoming: Marion & Carol M

Prayers: Graham M

Readings: Jan

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Daphne & Raymond

Refreshments: Lesley

Remembrance and Autumn Work Party

Many thanks to all who contributed to a very successful and meaningful Remembrance service both in church, at the War Memorial and on the Village Green for Armistice Day.

Particular thanks to the flower and church decorating team and 1st Rowland Castle Scouts for making everything look so beautiful. Thanks also to all those who read or took part, the MINK team for the wonderful refreshments, those who set up the AV equipment, and everyone who put in a lot of extra effort to make sure the road was closed. Finally, particular thanks for the many people who contributed to the Autumn Work Party by providing food or making sure the grounds, trees and flower beds were looking their best. What an amazing community effort!

If you have any feedback on either of these events please speak to Clare or the church wardens.

All Age Christingle Service

Sunday 7th December at 10am

We will be learning about, and making, Christingles together in this All age service. More information to follow.

In Loving Memory

Sunday 7th December at 3pm

A very special service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance, supporting relatives and friends of those who have lost a loved one in recent years, although everyone is welcome. If you would like the name of a loved one read out at this service, please PRINT their name(s) on the sheet on the table near the entrance door, or email to mary.close@live.com by the end of November please.

All Together Service

Sunday 21st December at 10am.

One large happy service that will be a combination of both 8am and 10am services. It will be the fourth Sunday in Advent where we will be celebrating Mary the mother of Jesus. This service use the Common Worship Holy Communion booklets from the 8am service, dispersed with traditional hymns and chorus.

There will be **no Croissant Breakfast** on Sunday 21st December.

Carols on the Green

Sunday 21st December at 2pm

Our Community Carol Service on the Village Green will once again feature Blendworth Brass Band. Some have suggested this service could be improved with light refreshments being provided afterwards, so if you think you could help to arrange this, please speak to Clare or the church wardens.

Nativity Service

Christmas Eve at 4pm

Dust off your Christmas jumpers or angel costumes. This is a service of fun for everyone on Christmas Eve and will be followed with refreshments, including Rev Clare's famous sleepy biscuits!

Men's Breakfast

If you would like to find out more about our plans to start a Men's Breakfast at St John's. please contact chrischurchley1@gmail.com for more information. The aim will be to meet a couple of times a 'term' and give men the opportunity to meet up at various local venues to enjoy breakfast and get to know each other. You don't have to commit to attending every time, so do give it a go. Male friendship and a full English – what more could you ask for?

THIS WEEK

Monday, 17th November

9-11am. A very friendly Toddler group for all pre-school ages and expectant Mums.

Monday Evening Zoom Prayers

7.30pm – 8.15 ish.

Zoom ID 852 8403 5699 Passcode qtPJV

Wednesdays

Morning Prayer 9 am in the church.

Upcoming Bookings for Church Centre

The centre will be occupied by a private hire on Friday afternoon/evening on Friday 21st. Please check [here](#) for full details of all church centre hire.

THIS TERM

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday 23rd November 8am & 10am

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 30th November 8am & 10am

All Age Christingle Service

Sunday 7th December 10am

In Loving Memory Service

Sunday 7th December 3pm

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carols in the Green

Sunday 21st December 2pm

Nativity Service

Christmas Eve 4pm.

Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Eve 11pm

Christmas Day

Family Service at 10am

Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

- the family and friends of the late George Riley, as they mourn his passing.
- Mandy and Terry and their family, as Mandy continues to wait for surgery, which has been postponed until 19th November.
- Helen, one of our mums, who is in her 8th month of pregnancy. She is currently still working and has a toddler to care for while her partner frequently works away from home. Helen has been experiencing some concerns as her due date approaches, particularly that her partner may not make it home in time for the delivery. She is getting support from her family and would appreciate our prayer support.
- Another mum, who's experienced the worst few weeks of her life. Her partner is critically ill in hospital, has a toddler to care for, and has recently lost her Nana. She has also recently started a new job and the strain of it all has been very exhausting. Please pray for her as she continues to support her partner and young child.
- Jason and Wendy at URC as they care for family member with ill health.

If anyone has any prayer requests that they wish the whole church family to know about, please email the Parish Office or speak to Rev Clare on Sunday.

Please send any news for next week's sheet to the Parish Office by Wednesday

admin@saintjohnschurch.org.uk
