



Sunday 21st December 2025 to Sunday 4th January 2026

Sunday, 21st December
4th Sunday of Advent
Theme: Come, Jesus, be with us

Lectionary Readings

Matthew 1:18-25

Romans 1:1-7

There will be no Croissant Breakfast today.

10am All Together Service

Leader: Rev Clare Challis

Preacher: Rev Sarah Baker

One large happy service combining both 8am and 10am services where we will be celebrating Mary the mother of Jesus. This service uses the Common Worship Holy Communion booklets from the 8am service, dispersed with traditional hymns and chorus.

Welcoming: Mel & Valerie

Prayers: Graham D

Readings: Jill

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Mary & Lizzy

Refreshments: Bob & Donna

Carols on the Green at 2pm

Our Community Carol Service on the Village Green will once again feature Blendworth Brass Band. We are also having a Christmas choir for the Carols on the Green on Sunday. Rehearsals will be held in church immediately after Sunday morning's 10am service (around 11am) for about an hour. If you would like to join in the choir singing please let Clare know.

Christmas Eve
Theme: Jesus, name above all names

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 52.7-10

Hebrews 1.1-4

4pm Nativity Service

Led by Rev Clare Challis

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!

11pm Midnight Holy Communion

Leader: Rev Clare Challis

Preacher: Rev Annie McCabe

Welcoming: Roger & Diane

Christmas Day
Theme: Jesus, name above all names

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 9.2-7

Luke 2:1-14,(15-20)

10 am Family Morning Worship

Leader & Preacher: Rev Clare Challis

Welcoming: Ian & Jill

Sound & Vision: John

Sunday, 28th December
1st Sunday of Christmas
Theme: Precious Lives

Lectionary Readings

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

8am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Rev Stuart Cleaver

Supported by Sarah Lee

10 am Morning Worship

Leader & Preacher: Rev Clive Main

Welcoming: Roger & Diane

Prayers: Roger

Readings: Nigel

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Jane & Carol M

Refreshments: Rachel & Lesley

Sunday, 4th January
Epiphany
Theme: Arise, shine

Lectionary Readings

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

8am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Rev Stuart Cleaver

Supported by Alison Myall

10 am All Age Service

Leader & Preacher: Raymond Youngs

Welcoming: Marion & Carol M

Prayers: Zoë

Readings: Daphne

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Mel & Carol M

Refreshments: tba

Musicians

If you are a musician, who would be interested in using your musical gift for church or Christmas services, again speak to Clare or add your name to the sign-up sheet by the welcome desk.

12 Joys of Christmas - Booklet



Booklets are now in the church. If you're a techy person grab a bookmark to scan the QR code and download the booklet to your phone. Otherwise grab a paper copy. There are also copies of 'Why Christmas' for any visitors who come to church this year. Do give these to people you know who may be interested in reading about the Christian faith at Christmas.

Church Wi-Fi

Thanks to a generous grant from Councillor Marge Harvey, Wi-Fi has been installed in the Church and Church Centre.



Everyone is welcome to use the 'Saint Johns Guest' network, and no password is needed. If you have any problems using the Wi-Fi, please let us know by filling in the maintenance form: <https://forms.office.com/e/SyBeVBv4cy>

Church Suite Rotas

Please can all the overseers of the rotas on Church Suite please complete them up to Easter 2026.

Prayer Ministry at St Johns:

Opportunities to Connect

Sunday Services Prayer Ministry

- Prayer ministers are available during and after morning and evening services for personal prayer.

Private Prayer Ministry

- Confidential prayer support is available from our dedicated team.

- To request prayer, contact Carol Milford at carolmilford@btinternet.com or email prayer@saintjohnschurch.org.uk

Prayer Ministry Requests

- Share requests to be included in weekly services or the News Sheet by emailing admin@saintjohnschurch.org.uk and add "Prayer Request" in the subject line.

Bookings at the Church Centre

Please check the Churchsuite calendar [here](#) for full details of when the church and church centre are occupied. There are private bookings in the church centre on the afternoons of 1st and 3rd January.

Used Postage Stamps

Please do not throw away used postage stamps. At present we can collect stamps for EMMANUEL INTERNATIONAL. Please collect your stamps and give them to Pam Ewing or Ian Hewitt or leave them bagged up in the church pigeon holes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 continue to pray for

- Mandy and Terry, as Mandy continues her recovery from recent surgery.
- Helen, who gave birth to a baby boy on 1st December. Torsten (husband Matt is half-Norwegian) weighed in at 3.78kg and his older sister Evelyn is enjoying kissing and stroking him. Matt was present at the birth and we send our congratulations.
- Please pray for Alison and Graham. Graham has been in hospital for a few weeks and is seriously ill. His wife, Alison, is at his bedside constantly.
- A mum, who's partner is seriously ill, is caring for her young child and holding down a new job at this extremely difficult time.

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

admin@saintjohnschurch.org

