



Sunday 7th December to Sunday 14th December

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2nd Sunday of Advent
Theme: Come Jesus, show us the way

Lectionary Readings (8am only)

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

8am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Rev Clare Challis

Supported by Alison Myall

10 am All Age Christingle Service

Leader & Preacher: Rev Clare Challis

We will be learning about, and making, Christingles together in this All-age service.

Welcoming: Carol M & Marion

Prayers: Mel & others

Readings: Not needed

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Mel & Carol M

Refreshments: Jane & Jan

Help Needed following Christingle

Following the Christingle Service, if any able-bodied people could spare a little time to help set up the large hall for In Loving Memory refreshments, it would be much appreciated.

3pm In Loving Memory

Led by Mary Close

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.

Sunday, 14th December
3rd Sunday of Advent
Theme: Come, Jesus, and fill us with joy

Lectionary Readings

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev Clare Challis

Preacher: Chris Hollis

Supported by Christine & Shirley

10am Morning Worship

Leader: Rev Clare Challis

Preacher: Chris Hollis

Welcoming: Rachel & Lesley

Prayers: Graham M.

Readings: Jan

Sound & Vision: John

Prayer Ministry: Daphne & Raymond

Refreshments: Jill & Ian

Christmas Choir

We've been thinking of putting together a Christmas choir to accompany the singing at the Carols on the Green service. No experience necessary – just a love of singing Christmas carols. If you would like to be part of this choir, please speak to Clare or sign up on the Christmas Choir sign-up sheet by the welcome desk. Rehearsal dates and time to be confirmed. All ages welcome.

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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today - Sunday 7th

Tuppenny Barn Christmas Market from 11am-4pm

The Christmas Fair will have stalls from local artists and food producers.

Bere Grove Care Home Christmas Fair from 2.00-4.30pm

Everyone is welcome to enjoy festive treats and stalls at Bere Grove's Christmas Fair.

Monday, 8th December

Little Fishes

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 at 9 am in the church.

Bookings at the Church Centre

Please check the Churchsuite calendar [here](#) for full details of when the church and church centre are booked, particularly as we prepare for Christmas, and welcome the children and staff from St. John's school as they rehearse and perform their Christmas Concerts in the church over the next couple of weeks.

Havant Passion Play

Living Advent Calendar

Havant Passion Play cast and crew have once again created a living Advent calendar where you can see the coming of Christ unfold before you as the characters from the Christmas story tell their own experience of the incarnation. Visit [Living Advent Calendar – Havant Passion Play](#)

Havant Churches Together Group - Could you contribute?

If you would be interested in joining Mary Close in representing St. John's at HCT, please get in touch at mary.close@live.com

A Rocha UK – Caring For God's Earth

Some of you may know of this Christian charity, which works to protect and restore the natural world, and is committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. St. John's was granted a Bronze Award in the Autumn of 2021 for its efforts in supporting this initiative, to gradually move towards a more sustainable way of living. You can find out more about A Rocha's work in its Autumn Update [here](#)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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 uses 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!

Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Eve 11pm

Christmas Day

Family Service at 10am

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 all that she has recently been through. She is having some difficulties in her recovery which is affecting her sleep.
- 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.

- 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



St John's Church invites you to
Carols on the Green
 led by Rev Clare Challis

Sunday 21 December 1400-1500
Rowlands Castle Village Green

A community carol service
 with St John's Church
 and



courtesy of the RCA

Sound system courtesy of St John's School PTA.



The Community
of Hopeweavers



Church of the
Good Shepherd

Quiet Day

A time apart — to reconnect with God's still, steady rhythm

Saturday 31st January
8:45 – 4:00pm

An unhurried space with a gentle structure — to walk, think, pray, write, craft, or follow whatever the Lord draws you to.

Bring your own lunch – drinks provided