



St John the Evangelist, Dormansland

Notice Sheet – 19th Nov. 2023

2 before Advent/Christ the King

Services & activities for coming weeks.

Sunday 19th Nov. 10am – Parish Communion with Baptism at St John's (NH)

Introit – *Ye servants of God (565)*, **Offertory** – *All things bright & beautiful (21)*, **Communion** – *Jesus remember me (276)*, **Post Communion** – *To God be the Glory (522)*

5pm – Informal Service at St John's

Readings:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd Nov. - 9am 'Morning Prayer' on Zoom the link is -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81989590555?pwd=MUNnb0NwaUpUbHBiMnQzVm9wd0Q4UT09>

Meeting ID: 819 8959 0555 Passcode: 149674

Wed. 22nd Nov. – 10am Communion Service at Lingfield (IW)

8pm Compline on Zoom – Link is -

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72453199943?pwd=OKn2GwIbXJDd9lVcsbvQaaQkTqv3nY.1>

Meeting ID: 724 5319 9943 Passcode: compline

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 26th Nov – Sunday before Advent

8am – Holy Communion

10am – Parish Communion at St John's with Sunday Smilers (NH)

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

SERVICE PATTERN

The pattern of services for Sunday, at present, is a 10am Communion each week with an 8am services on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays (5th, 12th & 26th Nov). 5pm Informal Service 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays (5th, 12th & 19th Nov).

OFFERTORY

The offertory is now being collected during the Service. There is a contactless machine by the table as you come in. Follow the instructions and alter the amount as you wish. There is also a QR code (on the church wall with instructions and on this notice sheet), for payment by mobile phone.

CLEANING

We are back cleaning after the service on *Sunday 26th November*. Please stay to help us.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Crafts - **Sunday 26th Nov at 2.30pm** in Centenary Room

Christingle – **Sunday 3rd Dec at 10am**

Carols around the Christmas Tree - **Friday 8th Dec at 6.15pm**

Carol Service - **Sunday 17th Dec at 6.30pm**

Crib Services – **Sunday 24th Dec at 3pm and 4.30pm**

Midnight Communion - **Sunday 24th Dec at 11.30pm**

Christmas Day Service - **Monday 25th Dec at 10am**

REGULAR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

INFORMAL SERVICE

The 5pm Informal Service is back on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays of the month. This is a warm, friendly, supportive, and growing group where we encourage people to come just as they are and where there's opportunity to engage with discussion & questions if you wish. The worship style is relaxed and informal and each Sunday is a bit different to the next with different persons each week leading or facilitating. Reverend Nigel is there every week and takes at least one service a month.

THE COMMUNITY HUB

There has been no take up, at St John's, from the village in the 9-10 week that this has been running. It has therefore been decided that changes are necessary. For the rest of the autumn/winter a community space will be available on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday every month in the Centenary Room from **10am -12noon**. These are slots at St John's that are already used by church and other villagers so should be better frequented. There will be available refreshments and the opportunity to sit and chat. Everyone is welcome. We will look again at this in the Autumn. The next one is **21st November**.

MEETING UP

It was decided at the PCC, that Meeting UP will open again on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday's** every month at present, to offset the closure of other times of the Community Hub at St John's. The 3rd Tuesday will be run by various individuals offering drinks and biscuits. The idea will be to advertise these slots a tea/coffee and chat opportunities. The next meeting is **21st November**.

SUNDAY SMILERS

From November, Sunday Smilers meets on the **2nd and 4th** Sundays every month during the 10am Service. From the New Year we will be looking to see if we can cover the 3rd week each month as well.

HOME GROUPS

The group will continue to meet every Monday evening at the Vicarage. The Wednesday afternoon group will now continue to meet each week. Please contact Nigel for further details.

MESSY CHURCH AT ST JOHN'S

It is planned that this will restart in January on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 3.30pm approx. Nigel will head this up, but helpers are needed to help with the craft activities etc. This is part of our Mission Action Plan. Anyone who can help to contact Nigel.

OTHER NOTICES FOR ST JOHN'S

CHILDREN CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Children's Christmas Crafts. **Sunday 26th November 2.30pm**. Please invite family, friends & neighbours! Help required on the day from 2pm. Please message Annie on 07798823115 or anne.robinson@btinternet.com if you can spare a few hours. Thanks

CHOIR

The choir is rehearsing most Fridays from 7-8pm in church. Mary Byers is leading this and would encourage anyone, of any age, who enjoys singing to come along and sample a session. To find out more please email mary.byers@btinternet.com and she will answer any questions you have about what is involved.

CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE

Items required this month are: Jars of pasta sauce, Jars of jam, Tins of spaghetti, Biscuits, Breakfast cereals, Toilet rolls. Please place them in the box at the back of the Church.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE (chronologically)

ST BERNARD'S CHURCH, LINGFIELD – Saturday Lunches

A free simple lunch is offered in St Bernard's on the last Saturday of every month from 12:30pm. **The next one will be on Saturday 25th November.**

CLARIDGE HOUSE – HAPPY CAFÉ

A meet up morning the first Wednesday of every month from 10.30am- 12.00pm. Everyone welcome, free tea, coffee, biscuits, and friendly chat. The next meet up is the **6th December.**

SUPPORT GROUP FOR EPILEPSY AND LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

This will relaunch on Wednesday 17th January 1:30pm-3pm, with Revd. Ian & Lisa O'Brien (Epilepsy Nurse Consultant). It is a supportive group at St Peter & St Paul's Church, Lingfield, to help you navigate this complex road and meet other people in similar situations. The programme will be led by you to meet your needs. A chance to meet other parents/carers who support someone with epilepsy and/or learning difficulties. Free tea and coffee, a smile and someone to talk to.

BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY LARDER

This is open between 9.30am and 12.30pm every first Saturday of the month.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

St Peter & St Paul Church are hosting their first Christmas Market. **Saturday 18th November, 11am-3pm!** Lots of amazing stalls selling lovely bespoke gifts for Christmas gifts as well as yummy refreshments & Christmas music. **SAVE THE DATE!**

OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday 23rd December between 1 and 3pm there will be an open house at Ian & Kat's house (The Vicarage) for Mulled Wine and Mince pies.

If you wish to add a notice to the weekly notice sheet please send to Ellie, copying Nigel in, before 2pm on a Friday for it to be included. Thank you.

The office opening hours are now 2:30pm-5:30pm Monday – Friday, not Tuesday. Contact Ellie on 01342 832021 or email at officelingfieldppchurch@gmail.com

This is the QR code for anyone wishing to make a donation towards the work of St John's via their mobile phone.

