St John's with Emmanuel | Woking



Weekly News

29th November 2026

1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here with us today. We welcome those who are new to the Church. If you would like more information about us, please take and complete a slip in the Welcome Area and give it to a Steward or a Minister, or scan the QR code (right), and also in the Welcome Area.

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Parish Services Today

8am	St John's	Communion (BCP)	1 Timothy 6:11-21 *Preacher: Rev. Glyn Lucas*
10am	St John's	Morning Worship	
4pm	Emmanuel	Afternoon Worship	
6.30pm	St John's	Evening Worship	*Talk: Tim Parr*

Parish Services Next Week (Dec 6th)

8am	St John's	Communion (BCP)	Luke 1:1-25
10am	St John's	Morning Worship	
4pm	Emmanuel	Communion	
6.30pm	St. John's	Evening Worship	Real Lives

A hearing loop is available in the church.
Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic grape juice are available for communicants. Just indicate to the servers if you would like either of these alternatives.

Recordings of our livestreamed services are available on our website
www.stjohnswoking.uk

Events This Week:			
Mon 30th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible Group	Lounge
Tue Dec 1st	6:00pm 7:15pm 8:00pm	Dangerous Kids Club (7-10s) Youth groups (11-18s) Music rehearsals	Youth Centre Youth Centre Church
Wed 2nd	10:00am 11:45am 7:45pm	Emmanuel Coffee morning **Daytime Prayer Meeting** **Parish Prayer Meeting**	Emmanuel Emmanuel Church
Thurs 3rd	9:30am 2:30pm	First-steps toddler group Thursday Fellowship – Christmas communion *see below*	Youth Centre Lounge
Fri 4th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible group	Youth Centre

Christmas Flyers: Please help distribute our Christmas flyers throughout the parish by taking a bundle of leaflets to deliver (before the Christingle Service).

Joint Mid-Week Communion Service for Thursday Fellowship & members of St. Johns and Emmanuel: Thursday, 3rd Dec at 2:30pm.
Mince pies, tea & coffee will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

Work Party on Saturday, Dec 12th at 9am: We need help to set up the candelabra and stage blocks ready for our Carol services.

Christingle - helpers needed: We need people to assist with the Christingle on 12th December. Setup from 3:15. (event time 4pm-5pm)
Please let Robin know if you can help robin@stjohnswoking.uk

Christmas Choir is back! We are looking for people of all ages and abilities to join the Christmas Choir for the carol service on 20th December at St John's and Emmanuel. **Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary!**
Rehearsals will be a mixture of Thursdays and Sundays as below. If you cannot make them all that is not a problem but ideally, we ask that you make at least 3. Please e-mail Robin to let him know you are interested.

INEQE Safeguarding Group have been asked to carry out Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses, cathedrals and palaces are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Have your say, using their survey – see the poster in the Welcome Area
Church of England – Guildford - Ineqe Safeguarding Group.

Advent-*urous*

In previous years, we've had an '*Advent window dressing competition'* across the village to help build some Christmas connection with our community. This year, I want to do something different, something that will still involve the church family but can have a far greater reach than previous years. The aim this year, is to encourage people to come and view our website to find out about Christmas and what it means to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

When you go to the front page of our website, I've added a Christmas events pop-up and if you click on it, it will take you to a very special *St John's Advent Calendar*.

Each day, there will be something silly: a picture or a video clip, along with an advent Bible verse and a short thought and reminder of one of our events.

If you have a short Christmas joke or something funny, we can photograph or video, please speak to me and I'll include you on one of the days leading up to Christmas – the more the better (well we need 24 to be precise!)

The aim isn't just to amuse ourselves; I want to encourage those from outside the church to take a look at what's going on at St John's and begin to experience something of the excitement and joy of Christmas when you understand what it's truly all about.

So, this will only work if you encourage others to take a look and get involved, so please use this as an opportunity to invite neighbours and friends to join the fun!

While I'm talking tech, if you haven't yet received the news sheet by email and wish to, please email the office and they will update the database to include you – you can now also check your details on our database for yourself by using the QR code below. Don't worry if this is all too much, we're not going to stop printing the news sheet for those who prefer a physical copy.

This morning, we're looking at the very last part of 1 Timothy, and it's such a challenge and encouragement. Paul bursts into praise with these words: *"God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever.* ***Amen.****"*

Have a fabulous week,
Glyn

Sermon Notes

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mary Kirkman, is available for advice or to talk through concerns relating to safeguarding. Tel: 07763 456015 or Email: safeguarding@stjohnswoking.uk

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