St John's with Emmanuel | Woking



Weekly News

8th November 2026

3rd Sunday before 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 and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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)	Mark 4:35-41 *Preacher: Rev. Glyn Lucas*
10am	St John's	Remembrance Sunday	
4pm	Emmanuel	No Service	
6.30pm	St John's	Communion	*Zephaniah 2:1-3:8* *Preacher: Rev. Peter Chamberlin*

Parish Services Next Week (Nov 15th)

8am	St John's	Communion (BCP)	1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
10am	St John's	Communion	
4pm	Emmanuel	Afternoon Worship	
6.30pm	St. John's	Evening Worship	The Apocrypha

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 9th	9:30am	Ladies' Bible Group	Lounge
Tues 10th	6:00pm 7:15pm	Dangerous Kids Club (7-10s) Youth groups (11-18s)	Youth Centre Youth Centre
Wed 11th	10:00am 7:45pm	Men's Bible Group Homegroup in church	Lounge Lounge
Thurs 12th	9:30am	First-steps toddler group	Youth Centre
Fri 13th	11:30am	Funeral – Cynthia Green	Church

Save The Date!

Men's games evening on **Friday, November 20th** at the Jimmy Whites Snooker Hall next to Woking Football Club.
Please let Richard Price know if you are able to join.

Women's Christmas event: **Friday, November 27th.** More details to follow.

Bottle&Battle! Quiz Night: St John's Quiz Night is back on **Friday, 26th February, 2027**. Save the date in your diary. Start recruiting your team. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year. For more information speak to Lys Price.

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.robin@stjohnswoking.uk
Sun 29th November - 3pm-4.30pm; Thurs 3rd December - 8pm-9.30pm;
Thurs 10th December - 8pm-9.30pm; Sun 13th December - 3pm-4.30pm
Thurs 17th December - 8pm-9.30pm

As part of the process to appoint the next Bishop of Guildford, representatives of the Crown Nominations Commission are holding an online consultation at **7pm - 8pm on 25th November** to gather views from across the Diocese.
A link will be available nearer the time for anyone wishing to contribute.

Emmanuel: Saunders Lane has re-opened after the year's road works, so now it's easier to get to and from Emmanuel.

Remembering the Cost of peace, looking forward to the Prince of Peace

Remembrance Sunday, is an important occasion, a time for our nation to pause and remember those who have given their lives in service of others. We gather around memorials, observe the two-minute silence, and wear our poppies with gratitude and respect. We remember courage, sacrifice, and duty. We remember families whose lives were broken. We remember that freedoms we often take for granted came at a tremendous cost.

Yet Remembrance Sunday does more than call us to look back. It also forces us to look honestly at the present. The hope expressed after the horrors of the First World War was that it would be *"the war to end all wars".* Sadly, history tells a different story. The twentieth century witnessed further devastating conflicts, and today our world continues to be marked by violence, division, and instability. Even today, wars rage on in various parts of the globe. Communities are torn apart by hatred and fear and even where there is no armed conflict, many people experience broken relationships, anxiety, loneliness, and unrest in their daily lives.

The reality is that humanity has become remarkably skilled at negotiating ceasefires, signing treaties, and establishing institutions, but lasting peace remains elusive. The Bible helps us understand why. It teaches that the deepest problem facing the world is not political, economic, or military - it's spiritual!

We are separated from God by our sin, and as long as that relationship remains broken, true peace will always be beyond our grasp.

That is why the Christian gospel is such good news.

The angels who announced the birth of Jesus declared, *"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests"* (Luke 2:14).

Jesus Christ came into the world not merely to teach peace but to make peace. Through His death on the cross and His victorious resurrection, He dealt with the barrier between sinful people and a holy God. As the Apostle Paul writes, *"Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 5:1).

This peace with God is the foundation of every other kind of peace. Only when hearts are transformed by the gospel can lasting reconciliation begin. Only when the Prince of Peace reigns in human hearts will the world know the peace it longs for.

As we remember those who sacrificed so much for our nation, we should give thanks for their example of service and courage. But we should also remember that no military victory, however significant, can ultimately bring the perfect peace our world needs. That peace is found only in Jesus Christ. This Remembrance Sunday, let us honour the fallen with gratitude, pray for those affected by conflict today, and place our hope in the One whose kingdom will never end. In a troubled world, the gospel remains our sure and certain hope.

Jesus Christ alone is the way to true peace, both now and for eternity.

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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