St John the Evangelist



Welcome to our
Service of Holy Communion
Sunday 19 November 2023

This Week		
Date	Time	Event
Today	10.00 am	Holy Communion—Welcome Rev. Linda Beech
Mon 20 Nov	9.30 am	Team Cleaning in Church
	1.45 pm	St. John's Primary—Year 3—in Church
Tues 21 Nov	10.00 am	Church Open for Individual Quiet and Prayer
	10.15 am	Collective Worship at St. John's Primary
	3.30 pm	Messy Church After School Club at St. John"s Primary
Wed 22 Nov	10.00 am	Finance Committee Meeting—WEB
Thurs 23 Nov	9.30 am	Holy Communion—Chancel in Church
	10.00 am	Church Open for Individual Quiet and Prayer until 12 noon
	10.30 am	Community Drop-In
	11.00 am	Holy Communion at The Lakes
	1.30 pm 7.30 pm	Autumn Study Course at the Vicarage
Sat 25 Nov	10.00 am	Church Open for Individual Quiet and Prayer until 12 noon
	10.00 am	WEB open for Tea/Coffee until 12 noon
	10.30 am	Baptism Preparation in Church
Sun 26Nov	10.00 am	Morning Worship

Welcome to St. John's Church and to today's service. We are delighted to have you with us for our worship. Tea and coffee will be served in the WEB afterwards - everyone is welcome to join us. No collection is taken during the service itself but if you are able to contribute to the ongoing life and work of this church - a plate is provided on the table at the back, where you can place your gift.

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE - with the service itself and with the refreshments afterwards. It was a real team effort and lovely to have so many people in Church.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: During the Season of Advent, Revd. Helen will be leading a series of reflections on Zoom. Those who do not have Zoom are welcome to come and join Helen in the Vicarage. The Reflections will be on Wednesdays 29th November, 6th December, 13th December and 20th December, 7.00 pm - 7.45 pm. There will be Advent hymns, prayers,

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: Our Christingle Service will be on Sunday 3rd December at 10.00 am when we will be joined by the Musical Theatre Group from St. John's Primary School who will be taking part in the service. We will be CHRISTINGLE MAKING on Saturday 2nd December, 10.30 am, in the WEB. If you are able to help with the Christingle making, please let Revd. Helen know.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL in Church opening SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER - 11.00am until 3.00pm

The Christmas Tree Festival will be opening on Saturday 2nd December at 11.00am until 3.00pm and you are all invited to come along to view the beautiful decorated trees in Church, you will then be able to meet together to enjoy Refreshments in the WEB, buy tickets for the GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE and have a go on the TOMBOLA STALL.

The GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW tickets will be sold throughout the day and will continue to be sold during the evening at the ELVIS CONCERT, they will then be drawn at the end of the evening once the concert finishes.

If you have offered to contribute something towards the GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW or the TOMBOLA STALL can you please bring them to Church by NEXT SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER at the latest.

Also, if anyone would like to contribute towards the REFRESHMENTS for that day with Cakes etc it would be appreciated.

The Elvis tickets are selling really well so if anyone still needs any tickets can they please let Sue Hinks know asap.

Please remember these people especially in your prayers this week. Why not give them a call or a visit?

Florence Alcock Iris Griffiths

Hazel Bate Ros and Brian Homer

Christine Burrows Conor Jones
John Burrows Joan Lent

Emma Cooper Malcolm and Glenys Pearson

Audrey Davis David Stone

Kate Deakin Brenda Whitmore

PRAYER LIST: Please give any names to Julie Annis in the office should you wish to add anyone to the list. A new list of names will begin on 7 January 2024. Thank you.

Rita O'Donnell

We also pray for those You have recently received

In particular the family and friends of:

Phyllis Sharpe

Gwen Chilton



A date for your diary CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA - Friday 15th December We will be having a Christmas Afternoon Tea on Friday 15th December in the WEB, further details will be provided for you all after the opening of the Christmas Festival weekend, so hope you can all come along.

Thank you for all your stamps. I have taken another bag to my contact at Guide Dogs for the Blind. Please continue with your collections. Hopefully you'll get lots of Christmas cards through the post! Jeanette

CHRISTIAN AID'S MIDDLE EAST CRISIS APPEAL: As we continue to pray for the people of Israel and Gaza, we are supporting Christian Aid's Appeal. You can place donations on the plate at the back of Church or you can donate online: The last date for donations will be Sunday, 26 November 2023.

www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/middle-east-crisis-appeal

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ESSINGTON CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 10.00 am

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

There will be a retiring collection for The Children's Society Charity.

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 6.00 pm

CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 4.00 pm CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE

To celebrate Jesus' birthday, please bring a gift for a child wrapped in birthday paper - to be donated to The Pathway Project. Please indicate which age the gift is suitable for.

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 11.00 pm MIDNIGHT MASS

MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER, 10.00 am

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION

Everyone



welcome!

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