

St John the Evangelist



Welcome to our
United Benefice Service
Sunday 30 November 2025
Advent Sunday

This Week

Date	Time	Event
Today	10.00 am	United Benefice Service—Shareshill
	6.00 pm	Sunday @ Six with G Band
Mon 1 Dec	9.00 am	Collective Worship at St. John's Primary
	9.30 am	Team Cleaning
	1.45 pm	Funeral at Rowley Regis Crematorium— Rita O'Donnell
Tues 2 Dec	3.15 pm	Messy Church After School Club at St. John's Primary
Wed 3 Dec	11.30 am	Cherry Tree Special School in Church
	3.00 pm	Forget Me Not—Christmas Party
	7.00 pm	Advent Reflections on Zoom
Thur 4 Dec	10.00 am	Church Open for Individual Quiet and Prayer until 12 noon
	10.30 am	Community Drop-In until 12 noon
Sat 6 Dec	10.30 am	Church Open for Individual Quiet and Prayer until 11.30 am
	10.30 am	WEB Open for Tea/Coffee until 11.30 am
	11.00 am	Christingle Making in Church
	1.00 pm	Burial of Ashes in Church Yard—Patricia Whitehouse
Sun 7 Dec	10.00 am	Christingle Service

Welcome to St. John's Church and to today's service. We are delighted to have you with us for our worship.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped and supported the Christmas Fair and Tree Festival—particularly to the Social Committee for all their hard work.

There will be a concert by the **Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Staff Choir** in Church on **Thursday, 11 December 2025** from 7.00 pm—until 9.00 pm. Tickets £10 and includes Mince Pie and a drink. Available from Sue Davenport in Church today or from Julie in the office.

All proceeds to the NHS.

MEMORY TREE — The Christmas Tree at the front of Church is our Memory Tree for our loved ones. Please write the name of your Loved One on a tag, place it on the tree and make a donation.

All donations to Compton Hospice.

FOODBANK FOR CHRISTMAS: During the weeks leading up to Christmas, we would be grateful in particular for donations of Christmas sweets and biscuits for children and their families which we can pass on to the Food Bank. Thank You.

CONFIRMATION: If anyone is interested in thinking about confirmation, please speak to Rev. Helen.

Stewardship : Polite Reminder

If you contribute via Standing Order, can you please alter your payments to our Co-Op Bank account by end of November as we are going to close out existing Lloyds account in December. (Those affected have had letters). Many thanks. Sue Davenport

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

Christine Burrows	Mary Edge	Jim White
Gwen Chilton	Connor Jones	Eric Whitmore
Emma Cooper	Isaac	Seth Wilson
Janet Cooper	Dot Simmons	
The Degge Family	Peter Smith	

PRAYER LIST: *Please give any names to Julie Annis in the office should you wish to include anyone on the list.*

We also pray for those You have recently received

In particular the family and friends of:

Rita O'Donnell
Sheila Mills
Joan Lent



CHURCH MAGAZINE

Following our recent requests for volunteers to join our production team we thought we had found a way forward. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case.

We are now in urgent need of volunteer(s) specifically to look after our team of distributors and to be responsible for the monthly distribution of the magazine. **Without this additional support we will have to stop producing and distributing the printed form of The Essington Connection at some point early in the New Year.** There would be plenty of training and support from the existing team to help with this important role. If you think you might be able to assist in this way, please contact Bea Hammond: Tel: 01922-478753 or email: beatrice@bhammond.co.uk as soon as possible and no later than Monday 12 January 2026.

Thank You
The Magazine Team

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ESSINGTON

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 6.00 pm
CAROL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 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.*

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 10.00 pm
CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION

*There will be NO Christmas Day Service at St. John's.
You are welcome to join us instead at St. Mary & St. Luke's
Church, Shareshill, at 10.00 am for Holy Communion.*

**Everyone
welcome!**



Website <http://stjohnsessington.co.uk/>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnschurchessington/>
Interim Minister: Reverend Helen Duckett Tel: 07972523162
Church Administrator—Julie Annis—Tel: 07306408180
Office hours: Monday, Thursday & Friday 9.00am—1.00pm